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Solicitors of Ireland

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This Book contains the early proceedings connected with the formation of the above Society, and also the minutes of its various Public Meetings, held in the Solicitors Room, at the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts.

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 The following Resolution calling a meeting
 of the Profession was published in the several
 Dublin Newspapers -

"We the undersigned request the Attendance of the
 "Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland, at the Court of
 "Common Pleas on this day the 19th Inst. precisely
 "at the hour of two O'clock in the Afternoon, with a
 "view to Appoint a Committee or Deputation to wait
 "upon the Benchers of The Honble Society of Kings Inns
 "to Ascertain when it will be their pleasure to give
 "the Members of the Profession generally the possession
 "of the new Rooms at the Vere of the Courts" -

"N.B. The Chair will be taken precisely at the hour
 of two O.C. in the Afternoon -

Josias Dunn	Robert Muddock	Rich ^d Barrington
Mathew Franks	Thos Reilly	Terence O'Reilly
Cornelius O'Brien	Richard Scott	Fethstone H. Briscoe
Thomas R. Symes	John Bagnall jr.	James Spring
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J. Maher	Math ^w O'Reilly	Jasper Villiers Fowler
Edmund Beatty	Fras O'Reilly	Henry Mills
Richard Meade	Col Rocheport	Wm Goddard Son
Fandy & Co	Kenny Purcell	Thos Beasley
John C. Hughes	James Watters	Wm ^m H. Carroll
Rich ^d P. Tighe	Rich ^d A. Walker	

Court of Common Pleas

Wednesday 19th day of May

1841

Meeting of Attorneys & Solicitors

Moved by Mr Osborne - Seconded by Mr. Maher -

That Mr Goddard do take the Chair -

Moved by Mr Conry, seconded by Mr Carroll -

That Edward. Hles Esq^r do Act as Secretary

Letter from Jonas Dunn Esq^r Addressed to the Chairman of the meeting Apologising for his Absence read by the Chairman -

The foregoing Resolution calling the meeting was read by the Chairman -

Mr William Henry Carroll moved the Appointment of Trustees to take up possession of the Rooms, and suggested the names of the several Trustees to be so Appointed. -

Mr Myles O'Reilly moves the Appointment of the five trustees whose names were submitted to the Benchers in the joint memorial which was presented by the Law Society and Law Club in January last - viz Messrs Dunn, Franks, Montgomery, Knox and Goddard. -

Mr Meade seconded Mr O'Reillys motion, and Mr Carroll withdrew the previous motion and agreed to Mr O'Reillys, being substituted, - viz⁵ -

Resolved -

Trustees to get possession of Building

Motion for 5 Trustees Mess^r Dunn - Franks. Mont-gomery. Knox - and Goddard

Resolved. That the Benchers of the Hon^{ble} Society of Kings Inns be requested to give possession of the rooms erected for the accommodation of our profession to Josias Dunn Matthew Franks, Alex^r Montgomery, Samuel Knox and W^m Goddard Esq^s in trust, until a Committee of Management be appointed by the profession, and such regulations adopted as may appear necessary with respect thereto. -

Moved by Mr Cantwell, Seconded by Mr Carole &
Resolved That the duties and powers of the Committee appointed shall be strictly confined to receiving possession of the room and apartments in question, and that it shall be incumbent on said Committee within 10 days after receiving such possession to convene a meeting of the profession generally to consider and adopt such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the government and management thereof -

Moved by Mr Ford, Seconded by Mr Meares &
Resolved That the thanks of this meeting be given to The Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas for affording to the profession the use of His Lordships Court for holding this meeting. -

Mr Goddard having left the Chair and Mr Beasley being called thereto -

Moved by Mr O'Brien, Seconded by Mr Haylett &
Resolved. That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to Mr Goddard for his dignified conduct in the Chair this day.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution
To request possession be given to foregoing Trustees of Solicitors Room

Resolution
For a Committee of management.

To call public Meeting of the profession

Resolution
Thanks to Lord Chief Justice for use of

Trustees

The Trustees who were appointed at the foregoing Meeting of the Profession which was held on the 19th day of May, caused the following Requisition to be published in the Newspapers -

Call Meeting
of Profession
for 28th May
1841

"General Meeting of Attorneys"
"We the undersigned request a general meeting of the
"profession on this day. the 28th of May Inst^t at the Court
"of Common Pleas.

"The Chair will be taken at half past three
"o'clock precisely -"

- "Josias Dunn
- "Mathew Franks
- "Samuel Knox
- "Alex^r Montgomery
- "Wm Goddard "

Court of Common Pleas -

Friday 28th day of May 1841 -

Meeting of Attorneys, pursuant
to the above Requisition -

Moved by Mr. Meares, seconded by Mr. Knox

That Mr. Franks do take the Chair

Moved by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Seward -

That Edward Nes Esq^r, do act as Secretary. -

Mr. Nes has to cut or
test. as informant
Meeting -

Their Report
on obtaining
Possession of
Sol^r's Rooms

The Report of the five trustees appointed at the meeting
of the 19th May Inst^t to receive possession of the Solicitors Rooms
Read - as follows -

Copy -

"Report of Mess^{rs} Dunn, Franks, Knox, Montgomery
"and Goddard, Trustees appointed at the general meeting of
"Attorneys held in the Court of Common Pleas on the 19th day
"of May 1841, to receive possession of the Rooms erected for the Accommodation
"of the profession, until a Committee of Management sh^d be Appointed. -

The before named Trustees have to report, that on the 22nd Inst, three of them attended at the Queens Bench Chamber, and after waiting for some time, Mr Dobbs the Sub Treasurer of the Kings Inns, came into the Room, and said that if those three persons would accompany him, as he was in a great hurry and had the Keys, he would give them possession as the Benchers had come to a Resolution for that purpose, and that he would send them a Copy of the Resolution on Monday. -

Mr Dobbs was then asked if any terms were imposed, as the taking of possession depended upon that, he then said he would give a copy of the Resolution, and then went out to direct his Clerk to make one; on his return he was asked what rooms were to be given, when he stated that they were the large room and the two rooms on the landings, and that the Benchers would hereafter decide about the four Rooms below Stairs. Mr Harris the Clerk then brought in an extract of a document which is as follows - "We Recommend that possession may be delivered to such Members of the body, as they may appoint to receive the same, to be held for the use of the Profession at large subject to such Regulations as the Benchers may from time to time think proper to make respecting same" -

Josias Dunn
 Matthew Franks
 Samuel Knox
 Wm Goddard
 Alex. Montgomery

Trustees on behalf of the Profession

Moved by Wm H. Carroll Esq. Seconded by Tho. Beasley Esq. &

Resolution Resolved. That the 5 Trustees who were appointed at the meeting of the Profession held on the 19th Inst. - be authorised and requested to receive the possession of the Rooms erected for the accommodation of the Profession. -

Trustees to get possession of Rooms from Benchers.

Resolved. That the 5 Trustees who were appointed at the meeting of the Profession held on the 19th Inst. - be authorised and requested to receive the possession of the Rooms erected for the accommodation of the Profession. -

Moved by Mr Ford, seconded by Mr Pilkington, and

Resolution Resolved. That the Attorneys of Ireland do proceed on Monday next at the hour of two O'clock at the Solicitors Room (in the new Buildings at the head of the four Courts) to elect by Ballot from among the Members of the Profession, a Committee of 21 to prepare Rules and Regulations for the management and

for Committee of 21. to prepare Rules & Regulations for management of Rooms

Resolved. That the Attorneys of Ireland do proceed on Monday next at the hour of two O'clock at the Solicitors Room (in the new Buildings at the head of the four Courts) to elect by Ballot from among the Members of the Profession, a Committee of 21 to prepare Rules and Regulations for the management and

government of said Rooms, and also for the formation of a Society for the better Regulation of the Profession of Attorney and Solicitor in Ireland. -

Moved by Mr Scott & seconded by Mr Kife, and Resolved. That such Ballot be presided over by Messrs Dunn, Franks, Montgomery, Knox and Goddard (or one of them) with the assistance of Mr Hes, and said Ballot to commence at two o'clock on Monday, and terminate at 4 o'clock same day, and to be resumed on Tuesday and Wednesday following (the 1st & 2nd days of June next) from 12 to 4 o'clock each day, and shall close finally at 4 o'clock on said last mentioned day and that every Attorney of Ireland be qualified to vote for such Committee. -

Ballot for such Committee to be presided over by Trustees & Secretary.

Moved by Mr Haylett seconded by Mr Dechan - & Resolved That said Committee so to be appointed do report to a general meeting of the Attorneys of Ireland (to be held in said Room on the 14th day of June next at the hour of 12 o'clock at noon) - such Rules and Regulations for the Adoption Amendment or Rejection of such meeting. -

Such Committee to Report to a Gen^l Meeting the Rules &c

Moved by Mr Cantwell, seconded by Mr Campion & Resolved - That save for the purposes of the Ballot and general meetings of the Profession, said Rooms shall not be open to the Profession until after the Adoption of the Rules and Regulations for the government of said Rooms, and of the Society about to be instituted - but that the trustees do in the mean time retain the possession of same. -

Rooms not to be opened until Rules adopted

Moved by Mr Knox - seconded by Mr Seward and Resolved. That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Law Society for the great benefits the Profession have derived from their exertions. -

Resolutions to be published

Moved by Mr Daly, seconded by Mr Scott. - & Resolved. That the foregoing Resolutions be published in the following

following Morning and Evening newspapers - Viz. Saunders
 Freeman, Register, Evening Mail, Post, Packet, Pilot and
 Monitor -

Mr Franks having left the Chair and Mr Ford
 being called thereto, the unanimous thanks of
 the meeting were accorded to Mr Franks for his
 very proper and dignified Conduct in the Chair. -

Solicitors Buildings

Four Courts

Saturday May 29th 1841.

In consequence of the resolution which was passed at
 the foregoing meeting held on the 28th Inst. Authorising and
 requesting the said Trustees to receive possession of the Rooms
 from the Honourable The Benchers -

Messrs. Druin, Montgomery, Franks, Knox and Goddard
 attended this day for that purpose, when Mr Dobbs the under
 Treasurer of the Kings Inns (who had been deputed by the Benchers
 to hand over the Key, and deliver up possession of the Rooms) met
 the said Trustees, and handed to them a document of which
 the following is a copy - viz.

"Report of the Building Committee respecting the
 Apartments to be allocated to the Attorneys & Solicitors,
 and respecting the Arbitration Rooms, and the payment
 of the Bills for furnishing same. -

"We have this day (May 18th 1841) inspected the Rooms intended for
 the accommodation of the Attorneys and Solicitors, - We find that
 they are now fitted up, furnished and ready for occupation, - We
 recommend that possession may be delivered to such Members of
 their body, as they may appoint to receive the same, to be held for
 the use of the profession at large, subject to such Regulations as the
 Benchers from time to time may think proper to make respecting
 the same. -

Sol^{rs} Room

Trustees attend
 Mr Dobbs to
 get possession
 thereof

Who hands them

the Benchers

Report

Copy

"We have also inspected the four Arbitration Rooms, and we
 "find them also ready for Occupation, and we recommend that a
 "discreet and meritorious person be appointed to the care of
 "said Apartments, who is to have the control and management
 "of them, subject to such Regulations as the Society of Benchers may
 "think proper to adopt -

"That such person provide fire, and pens & Ink for such
 "Barristers, Solicitors and Attorneys, as may require the use of
 "such Apartments, and that such care taken be remunerated
 "in the following manner - viz - by charging such persons as
 "may engage such Apartments for the purpose of Arbitration or
 "Consultation 2/6 - for the first hour, and 1/- for every succeeding
 "hour, during which they may occupy same, - all such payments
 "to be made in Advance -

"We also recommend that the Bills for the furniture of the
 "Attorneys and Solicitors Apartments, for the Arbitration Rooms,
 "and for the Coffee Room, as certified by Mr Owen the Architect
 "and Mr Dobbs the under treasurer, amounting in whole to the
 "sum of £461 - 5 - 3 as due to Mr Jones the Upholsterer be
 "discharged by the Treasurer -"

No Signature
 to said Report

Note - The foregoing document had not the signatures
 attached to it, of the Buildings Committee of the Benchers
 whose Report it purported to be -

Mr Dobbs then added to it the following Acknowledgement
 for the trustees to sign of their having received from him the
 possession of the Apartments, for the use of the profession, and
 which the Trustees then signed accordingly -

Mr Dobbs pre-
 = paras acknow.
 Trustees sign
 same

"Received the possession of the 3 Rooms intended for the
 "Accommodation of the Solicitors & Attorneys this 29th day of May 1841.

Josias Dunn

Mathew Frankes

Samuel Knox

Alex^r. Montgomery

Wm. Goddard.

Solicitors Room
New Buildings, Four Courts.

Monday 31st day of May 1841.

2 O'clock - P.M.

Ballot for
Committee
commenced
and
Adjourned

In pursuance of the Resolution entered into at the meeting of the 28th Inst. (before referred to) The Ballot for a Committee of 21, to prepare Rules and Regulations for the management and government of said Rooms was commenced, and proceeded with under the Superintendance of Mess^{rs} Dunn, Franks, Montgomery, Knox and Goddard with the Assistance of M^{rs} Sles, and terminated at 4 O'clock this day, when 186 members of the Profession balloted for said Committee. And the Ballot was adjourned until 12 O'clock on the following day (1st June) of which the Trustees directed that notice should be given in the several Morning papers, each day until the Ballot should terminate.

Tuesday 1st day of June 1841

12 O'clock - noon.

Resumed
and
Adjourned

The Ballot resumed when 275 members of the Profession balloted between the hours of 12 and 4 O' for said Committee making a total of 461 Ballots.

Wednesday 2nd day of June 1841.

12 O' - noon.

Ballot further
Resumed and
finally closed
710 Members
voting in 3 days

The Ballot further resumed when 249 members of the Profession balloted for said Committee between the hours of 12 & 4 O' when the Ballot finally terminated. 710 Members having balloted during the 3 days.

The Trustees directed that the result of the Ballot should be published in the Newspapers, and to state that same had finally closed.

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Thursday 3rd day of June 1841 -

11 O'Clock - a.m.

Balloting
Box opened

and Scrutiny
had -

The Balloting box was opened by Mr Dunn in the presence of the other four Trustees - And the Balloting Slips clasped and arranged, according to the different descriptions that had been made use of, and the Scrutiny terminated at 5 O'Clock - and to be resumed at 11 O'Clock on the following morning.

Friday 4th day of June 1841

11 O'Clock - a.m.

Scrutiny
resumed &
terminated

The Scrutiny of the Ballot resumed and terminated in the presence of the five trustees, - And the draft of their Report prepared and approved of by them, and Ordered to be engrossed and ready for their signatures next day at One O'Clock -

Saturday 5th day of June 1841 -

1 O'Clock - P.M.

Scrutators Report Read & signed by them
as follows -

"The Solicitors Room, New Buildings, Four Courts

5th June 1841 -

Report of
Scrutiny of
Ballot

"Report of Messrs Dunn, Fraukes, Montgomery, Knowl and Goddard, The Trustees of the new Rooms.

"The Trustees have to report that in pursuance of the
"Resolution entered into at the General Meeting of the Profession
"held in the Court of Common Pleas on the 28th of May last, a
"Ballot for a Committee of 21 to prepare rules and regulations for the
"Management and Government of said Rooms, and also for the
"formation of a Society for the better regulation of the Profession, commenced
"on the 31st of May last, and was continued on Tuesday & Wednesday the 1st
" & 2nd of June Inst when it was closed. -

"That a regular entry was kept of the names of Gentlemen who balloted, and the Trustees having examined the Ballots find that they correspond with the number of names, Viz 710, and that the undernamed Gentlemen have been elected to form the Committee, each having the number of votes affixed to his name-

1 Josias Dunn	682	12 Rich ^d J. T. Orpen	532
2 Wm Goddard	632	13 Willm Ford	507
3 John Tho Rife	624	14 Alex ^r Montgomery	481
4 Mathew Franks	621	15 Alex ^r Bate	479
5 Edw ^d Sandy	610	16 Chas ^r Meares	471
6 Wm A Roe	582	17 J ^{no} McMahon	460
7 Saml Knox	571	18 Edm ^d O'Brien	456
8 Wm B Wallace	557	19 Rich ^d Meade	430
9 James Wato	544	20 Wm J. Cooper	409
10 Tho Beasley	534	21 Tho Conry	360
11 Rich ^d A Walker	534		

Which we submit as our Report this 5th day of June 1841 -

Josias Dunn
Mathew Franks
Alex^r Montgomery -

Samuel Knox
William Goddard

Names
Elected on
Committee

The following Gentlemen were the highest on the Ballot next to the Committee

Rich ^d Scott	194	Arthur Barlow	49	W. H. McCreedy	23
J ^{no} M. Cantwell	171	Robt Power	40	Pierce Mahony	22
J ^{no} Greene	169	Wm H4 Carroll	35	Edw ^d J. Smith	22
J ^{no} Hazlett	154	J ^{no} D. Alkin	31	Geo. Kerman	21
Terence O'Reilly	143	Edm ^d J. Nolan	29	Tho Crozier	20
B. E. Lawless	138	J ^{no} Orpin	26	R. P. Tighe	20
J ^{no} Maher	135	Wm Dix	25	J. D. La Touche	19
P. M. Gantlan	124	J ^{no} Dickinson	25	Leon ^d Dobbin	17
Saml. S. Reeves	76	J. R. O'Shaughnessy	25	Com ^d O'Brien, M.P.	16
M ^{no} Barrington	66	Edw ^d Lloyd	24	John Norman	16
Tho. Babington	65	Wm Duckett	23	W J Ryan	16
Tho ^s R. Syms	51				

The Committee

for forming Rules and Regulations for the Solicitors Room held their first meeting for that purpose on the 7th day of June 1841 - when the following Sub Committee was appointed to draft said Rules, which were to be laid before the Committee of 21, on Thursday the 10th of June -

Sub-Committee	Sub Committee		
to prepare Rules &c	Mr Roe	Mr Wato	Mr Meade
	Mr Bate	Mr Walker	Mr Tandy
	Mr Cooper	Mr Conry	

Report
Rules to Com-
mittee of 21.

The Sub Committee met accordingly five times for that purpose previous to Submitting the said Rules together with their report to the said Committee of 21. - And the said Committee of 21 held four meetings, for the purpose of discussing and finally arranging said Rules previous to their being Submitted for the final Approval and Adoption of the Profession at the Public meeting to be held in the Solicitors Room on the 14th of June. (For their proceedings see Rough Minute Book.) S. Mes. Sec^y -

The first Public Meeting held in the Solicitors Room New Buildings

Monday 14th day of June 1841

Meeting to
consider Rules
&c

Meeting of the Attorneys & Solicitors to take into consideration the Rules & Regulations, prepared by the Committee appointed for that purpose by the Profession, at the Public meeting held on the 28th of May last. -

W^m Goddard Esq^o in the Chair

Resolutions passed at said Meeting of the 28th of May last. - Read -

The Scrutators Report of the Ballot for said Committee to prepare said Rules and Regulations, Read -

Requisition published in the newspapers calling this meeting read

Report of the Committee together with the Rules and Regulations which accompanied same, as prepared to be submitted to the Profession this day, read at the meeting. -

Moved by Mr Cantwell, seconded by Mr Morgan, and

Consideration of Rules
adjourned

Resolved - That the consideration of the report now read be adjourned til 12 O'clock on Thursday next, and in the mean time the Trustees continue to act until that meeting shall take place, and that the Committee do direct 12 Copies of the Rules and Report as now read to be posted up in the Rooms, which are to be open to the Profession from 12 til 3 O'clock each day in the mean time, and accordingly that this meeting do adjourn to Thursday next at 12 O'clock - And a notification of said adjournment to be published in the Morning Register on the 15th Saunders on the 16th Inst^l and Freeman Journal on the day of meeting.

and Notice
given

Solicitors Room, New Buildings

Thursday 17th day of June 1841.

Adjourned meeting of the Attorneys & Solicitors to take into consideration the Rules and Regulations prepared by the Committee, Appointed by the Profession on the 28th ult^o. -

Moved by Mr Campion, seconded by Mr Seward

That Mr Dunn do take the Chair -

The following Requisition published in the Newspapers calling meeting read. -

" Law Intelligence

Take Notice that a Meeting of the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland will

Requisition
calling
Meeting

will be held at the Solicitors Room in the New Buildings Four Courts on Thursday next the 17th June Inst (prior to Adjournment) to take into Consideration the Rules and Regulations prepared by the Committee appointed by the Profession on the 28th of May last. — The hour to be taken at 12 o'clock precisely

By order Edward Hes Secy pro tem.

Proceedings of last meeting read —

Moved by Mr Ford and Seconded by Mr Meares

That the Report and Rules as prepared by the Committee be read. —

Same read accordingly

Moved by Mr Meares and Seconded by Mr Seward —

That the Report and Rules just read be received ^{& adopted} and entered on the minutes. —

Report of
Rules adopted
containing
Rules &

“The Report of the Committee of the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland, appointed in pursuance of the Resolution passed at the General meeting held in the Court of Common Pleas on the 28th of May 1841. —

Your Committee ^{cannot but} congratulate the Profession on the high place it now holds in public estimation, — a place to which it is entitled as well from the respectability of its members, as from the nature and importance of the duties attached to it. So long as Laws shall be administered in these countries, the most unreserved and ample confidence and trust must be placed in a Profession, the Members of which are so intimately connected with all the transactions of Life, — the legal protection of Property, of Liberty, and life itself, being entrusted to their peculiar care. — It behoves the Public on the one hand, to hold the Members of such a Profession in respect and esteem; while on the other, it becomes the bounden duty of the Members of that Profession, by a zealous, honest, and faithful discharge of their arduous duties, to merit and maintain that public estimation which they now so deservedly hold, and which has been acknowledged from the highest tribunals, — second to none of the other liberal Professions. —

This is a just subject of Congratulation; and having attained its proper station, the Profession must continue to maintain that position;— this can only be effected by having a Ruling or governing Society emanating from the Profession at large. Such should be the Society about to be formed, and your Committee submit that the following should be among its principal Objects:—

First. To afford by lectures to be delivered in their Rooms, an improved System of Education in the Theory of our Laws, and the Rules and Practice of our Courts. Your Committee being strongly impressed with the Opinion that the education of Apprentices should be retained in the hands of the Profession, under the Control of the Judges, and under no Circumstances should that Control be permitted to fall into other hands—

Secondly.— To procure a Library of elementary and other Law books including the Statutes before and since the Union—

Thirdly.— To suggest such Alterations in the Statute Law, and in the Rules and Practice of the Courts, as experience or Circumstances may render necessary; and to watch over all Bills that may be proposed to Parliament, in which the Rights of the Profession may be directly or indirectly involved, so that those Rights and the interests of the Profession may be protected—

Fourthly.— To preserve the rights and Privileges of the Profession and to guard its Respectability by a vigilant Attention to the preservation of upright and honorable Practice; and to prevent the Apprenticing of uneducated and improper persons, and their Admission to the Profession—

To enable such a Society to act efficiently, it should possess the unlimited confidence and Support of the Profession, and have ample funds to carry out the Objects of its Institution in all their details.—

To have the unlimited confidence and Support of the Profession such a Society should emanate from, and be of the Profession.— We therefore recommend that it should be composed of Attorneys & Solicitors only, and that every Attorney & Solicitor of Ireland be eligible to be a Member of it, his only qualification being that he is an Attorney or Solr. and that he shall pay a Subscription

Annually for the use of the Society. —

To create funds to enable the Society to fulfill its objects we recommend the payment in Advance of a moderate Annual Subscription from each Member, together with a small additional Sum to entitle such Member to the use of a press in the Room. — From these two Sources your Committee hope a sufficient fund will be raised for all the purposes of the Society, and which they submit, should be disbursed by the Committee, in carrying out its most useful objects. —

Having detailed the Objects of the Society, — the persons who should compose it, — and the manner of raising sufficient funds for its support, — your Committee submit that the Committee of the Society should be annually elected by Ballot from amongst its members, and should be 31 in number, including a President and two vice Presidents; and with a view to have the support of their Brethren who may not reside in Dublin they submit that non resident members shall have a right to vote by proxy, so that by such mode of voting, and the extended number of the Committee, every Member of the Society, and every branch of the Profession may be fully represented. —

Your Committee submit that the Committee of the Society should have the management of the Rooms; — the Appointment control and dismissal of the several Officers and servants of the Society; — and it should be their peculiar care to guard and protect the rights and privileges of the Profession, and to carry into effect those Objects, your Committee submit the following Rules, for the management of the Rooms and the government of the Society. —

No 1. — That a Society be formed for the Regulation of the Profession of Attorney and Solicitor in Ireland, for protecting their rights and privileges, and also for the institution and support of a Library, for the use of the Profession, and for the providing means for the instruction of Apprentices, and that such Society be called, The Society of the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland. —

N^o 2 - That the Apartments adjoining the Four Courts, allowed for the exclusive use of the Profession of Attorney and Solicitor be placed under the Control and management of such Society. -

N^o 3 - That a Book be opened in which all Solicitors and Attorneys desirous to become Members of such Society shall insert their Names and Residences, And that said Book shall contain a declaration that each Subscriber will conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Society - and preserve the property of the Society - and will not injure or knowingly permit any other person to injure same - Nor Remove or knowingly permit to be removed any Paper Book or Document of the said Society from said Room, without permission of the Committee to be obtained through the Secretary. - And each Subscriber shall pay a sum of £1. as a Subscription for one Year commencing on the 1st of May 1841 - and a like Subscription of One Pound shall be paid by each Member Annually in Advance on or before every 1st day of May. -

N^o 4 - That no person but a Member of such Society, shall have a right of entry into those Apartments, and that any Member whose Subscription shall be in Arrear one month after the 1st of May in any Year, shall cease to be a Member until his Arrear be paid. -

N^o 5 - That English Solicitors and Scotch Writers to the Signet be Admissible to the Rooms on the introduction of a Member, during their temporary sojourn in Dublin, (but not exceeding one month,) at any one time. -

N^o 6 - That the Affairs of such Society be under the Control and management of a Committee of 31 - Consisting of a President and two Vice Presidents and 28 other Members - such Committee to be Chosen Annually by Ballot, by the Subscribers from their own body, as herein after mentioned, and to continue in Office until another Committee shall be elected. -

N^o 7 - That a Meeting of the Subscribers shall take place on the 15th day of June Inst. at 12 O'Clock to ballot for a Committee for the Current Year - Such Ballot to continue for 3 days from 12 to 4 O'Clock each day, and to be presided over by such 9 persons as shall be appointed by the meeting of whom 3 to be a

quorum, — And that such Scrutators shall return the names of those elected, and shall also return the names of the 10 persons, having the next greatest number of votes, after the 31 members who shall be so elected, out of which ten additional names all vacancies occurring in the Committee during the year shall be filled up according to the majority of votes.

No 8 — That all subscribers whose usual place of residence shall be distant 30 miles at the least from Dublin shall be entitled to give their votes by proxy at election of committees according to such form, and under such regulations and restrictions as shall be prescribed by Bye Laws to be formed by the Committee. —

No 9 — That the Committee to be now chosen shall out of their own number elect by Ballot a Treasurer or Treasurers who shall continue in Office for life, or until he or they shall resign or be removed by a vote of a majority of the Committee. — And the Committee to be now chosen shall have the Appointment of an Officer to be Librarian and Secretary who shall be elected annually by the Committee, and the Committee for the time being shall have the Appointment of all such other Officers and Servants as shall be necessary; which Officers and Servants as also the Librarian and Secretary shall be under the control of, and be liable to be removed by the Committee for the time being, who shall have the power of appointing others in their stead. —

No 10 — That the Committee to be elected for the present year, shall be chosen by a majority of votes, and in case of two or more persons having an equal number of votes their priority shall be decided by lot — And that no ballot which shall have more names thereon than 31 (including one who is to be stiled on the Ballot as President and two as vice Presidents) shall be admissible but there being fewer names than 31 shall not invalidate any Ballot. —

No 11 — That upon the 1st of June 1842 and on every future 1st of June (not being Sunday) a Committee of 31 including a President and two vice Presidents shall be

elected by Ballot in like manner as the Committee for the present year are to be now elected - such Ballot to remain in like manner open for 3 days - every such future Committee to have the like powers and Authorities as the Committee to be now elected, and in case the 1st, 2nd or 3rd of June in any year shall fall upon a Sunday, the Ballot shall be continued on the 4th of June. -

N^o 12. That the Committee shall keep a Book in which the names of all subscribers to the Society shall be kept in Alphabetical Order, and the Committee shall keep regular entries of all their proceedings, and that the Committee may make bye Laws for their own government and alter same from time to time, provided such bye laws be not repugnant to, or inconsistent with the general Rules of the Society, which bye Laws shall not be altered by any subsequent Committee unless with the express consent of a Majority of their number. -

N^o 13 - That the Society shall hold two general meetings in every year. viz. On the day after the last day of Easter and of Michaelmas term (unless any such days shall be Sunday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the day following). At which meetings all questions within the principles of the Society, or any contemplated change in its general rules may be discussed: Provided notice of the subject matter for discussion shall have been furnished to the Secretary to be posted in the Public Room of the Society for ten days at least previous to such meeting. -

N^o 14. That at the general meeting after Easter Term in each Year, the Committee shall submit to the meeting the Accounts of the Society up to the previous 1st of May. Whereupon the Chairman shall nominate 5 Members, not of the Committee (3 of whom shall be a quorum) to Audit such Accounts, and report thereon to the general meeting in the ensuing November.

N^o 15. That at all meetings of the Society and of the Committee all questions shall be carried by majority of votes, and the Chairman shall have (if necessary) a casting voice, and at all meetings of the Subscribers, The President, or in case of his absence one of the Vice Presidents or in case of their absence, one of the

Committee shall be Chairman. —

N^o 16 That the several presses in the large Room being 468 in number, shall be by the Committee assigned by lot, to such Subscribers to the Rooms, as shall in Addition to their Annual Subscription of £1. pay the further Annual Sum of Five Shillings in Advance, and also a deposit of 5^s. to be returned to him, on his delivering up the Key of the press to the Secretary / such further sum of five Shillings per annum to be payable on and from the 1st of May in each Year. —

N^o 17. That a list be opened by the Trustees on the 15th Inst^s, which shall be continued by the Committee when elected, and shall remain open til the 1st of July next, in which list the name of each Member proposing to subscribe for a press shall be entered — And on said 1st of July the Committee shall assign by lot to such Subscriber, a Press according to the number on such Press, to correspond with the number of the Lot drawn by or for each such Subscriber. —

N^o 18 — That in case there shall not be presses sufficient for the number of Subscribers who shall have paid their Subscriptions therefor, the names of such Supernumerary Subscribers shall be entered by the Committee in a list, according to the priority of the numbers upon their lots — And such Supernumerary Subscribers shall be entitled according to such priority to such presses, as / and according as they shall from time to time become vacant — And any Occupier of a press shall be at liberty to exchange the same, with the Occupier of any other press, under such regulations as the Committee shall adopt with respect thereto.

N^o 19. That in case there shall be more presses than sufficient for the number of Subscribers for the first Allotment, such Subscribers shall have a choice of presses according to the priority of the numbers on their lots — And the Committee shall open and keep open a list for further and future Subscribers who shall according to priority of Application be entitled to make choice of any one of said presses, as shall at the time be unoccupied. —

N^o 20. That upon a Requisition for an extraordinary general meeting for any purpose, coming within the Objects of this Society, signed by 41 Members at the least, the Committee shall within 4 days from the Receipt of such Requisition, call such general meeting for the purpose of such Requisition: Such meeting to be held not sooner than six, nor later than 10 days from the posting of such notice. — And in case the Committee shall neglect or refuse to comply with such Requisition, such 41 Members may be at liberty to convene such general meeting upon giving the like notice, and the Committee may at any time call an extraordinary general meeting upon giving six days previous notice. —

Moved by McCantwell, That the sense of the meeting be taken on each rule Seriatim. —

Rules Read accordingly and approved of as altered down to Rule N^o 9 and meeting Adjourned to next day to consider the remainder of them. —

NOTE. — The alterations made in the Rules at this meeting will be found in the Copy of them at page where they are correctly entered, as finally settled and adopted by the Profession. —

Ordered. That notice of said Adjournment as also of the Ballot be published in the several Newspapers, to take place next day at 12 O'Clock. —

Friday 18th day of June

1844.

Further meeting of Attorneys and Solicitors, (pursuant to Adjournment) to take into consideration the Remainder of the Rules and Regulations prepared by the Committee, appointed by the Profession on the 28th day of May ultimo. —

Moved by Mr Seward

That Mr Goddard do take the Chair.

Consideration of Rules resumed

The consideration of the Rules resumed, commencing with No 10. and proceeded with seriatim, and in addition to those prepared by the Committee (which consisted of 20 in number) — Three Additional Rules were approved of viz. No 7. No 22 Relative to Ascertaining the Attendance of the Committee, and No 23 Appointing ^{Justices} for the Management of the Funds of the Society —

Rules confirmed

Resolved. That the Rules and Regulations prepared by the Committee as amended at the Meeting of yesterday and this day, be adopted; and entered on the minutes. — And that same do form the Rules and Regulations, for the Constitution of The Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland. —

Rules

Copy thereof adopted at the General Meetings of the Profession at large, held on the 17th & 18th days of June 1844 —

1st That a Society, be formed for the Regulation of the Profession of Attorney & Solicitor in Ireland, for protecting their

their rights and privileges; And also for the institution and Support of a Library for the use of the Profession, and for the providing means for the instruction of Apprentices and that such Society be called, "The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland"

N^o 2. That the Apartments Adjoining the Four Courts allotted for the exclusive use of the Profession of Attorney & Solicitor, be placed under the Control & Management of such Society.

N^o 3. That a Book be opened in which all Attorneys and Solicitors desirous to become Members of such Society shall insert their names and Residences; and that said Book shall contain a declaration that each Subscriber will conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Society, and preserve the property of the Society, and will not injure, or knowingly permit any other person to injure same, nor remove or knowingly permit to be removed any paper Book or document of the said Society from said Room, without permission of the Committee to be obtained through the Secretary: and each Subscriber shall pay the sum of One pound, as a Subscription for one year commencing on the 1st of May 1844: and a like Subscription of One pound shall be paid by each Member Annually in Advance on or before every 1st day of May.

N^o 4. That no person but a member of such Society shall have a right of entry into those Apartments; And that any member whose Subscription shall be in Arrear one month after the 1st of May in any year shall cease to be a member until his Arrear be paid.

N^o 5. That English Solicitors and Scotch Writers be Admissible to the Rooms on the introduction of a Member during their Temporary Sojourn in Dublin, but not to exceed One month at any one time.

N^o 6. That the Affairs of such Society be under the Control and Management of a Committee of 31 including a President and two Vice Presidents; Such Committee to be Chosen Annually by Ballot by the Subscribers, from their own body, as herein after mentioned, and to continue in Office until another Committee shall be elected; and that ten Members

of the Outgoing Committee shall not be eligible to be re-elected for three years -

No. 7 - That on every future election for a Committee for this Society, there shall not be a greater number than 21 of the Outgoing Committee thereon, and in case more than 21 members of the Outgoing Committee shall have the greatest number of votes on the Ballot, then the first 21 names shall be on the Committee, and the 10 members necessary to make up the Committee shall be those not on the Outgoing Committee, who shall have the next greatest number of votes. -

No. 8 - That a Ballot do take place by the Subscribers for a Committee for the current year, which Ballot shall commence at 11 O'Clock tomorrow, and remain open till 4 O'Clock each day, and to close finally at 4 O'Clock on Tuesday next; and that Mr. Dunn, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Franks, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Knox, Mr. Pilkington, Mr. Campion, Mr. Dudgeon & Mr. Pastable along with Mr. Hes, be scrutators of such Ballot, and have charge of the Ballot box, which except during Balloting hours is to remain sealed until the Scrutiny shall commence and such Scrutators shall return the names of those elected. and shall also return the names of the 10 persons having the next greatest number of votes after the 21 members who shall be so elected, out of which ten additional names, all vacancies occurring in the Committee during the year, shall be filled according to the majority of votes. -

No. 9 That all subscribers whose usual place of residence shall be distant 30 miles at the least from Dublin shall be entitled to give their votes by proxy at the election of Committees, according to such form, and under such regulations and restrictions as shall be prescribed by bye laws to be formed by the Committee. -

No. 10 That the Committee to be now chosen shall out of their own number elect three Trustees, and in case of a vacancy or vacancies in said Trustees, the then existing Committee shall fill up same; and the Committee to be now chosen shall have the Appointment of an Officer to be Librarian and Secretary, who shall be elected Annually by the Committee; and the Committee for the time being shall also have the Appointment of

of all such other Officers and Servants as shall be necessary which Officers and Servants as well as the Librarian & Secretary shall be under the Control, and be liable to be removed by the Committee for the time being, who shall have the power of Appointing others in their stead; and the Committee to be now Chosen, and every future Committee shall out of their own body elect a President and two Vice Presidents - And that all monies paid to the use of the Society, shall be lodged quarterly by the Trustees in the Bank of Ireland to the credit of the Trustees; and that all monies Required for the use of the Society shall be drawn by Checks signed by the three Trustees, or any one of them, & countersigned by the Secretary.

No 11 - That the Committee to be elected for the present year shall be Chosen by a Majority of Votes; And in cases of two or more persons having an equal number of Votes, their Priority shall be decided by lot; And that no printed ballot nor any ballot which shall have more names thereon than 31 shall be Admissible, but there being fewer names than 31 shall not invalidate any ballot.

No 12 - That on the 1st of June 1842, and on every future first of June (not being Sunday) a Committee of 31 shall be elected by ballot, in like manner as the Committee for the present year are to be now elected - Such ballot to remain open for three days; every such future Committee to have the like powers and Authorities as the Committee to be now elected; And in case the 1st 2nd or 3rd of June in any year shall fall upon a Sunday, the Ballot shall be continued on the 4th of June.

No 13 That the Committee shall Keep a Book in which the names of all subscribers to the Society shall be kept in Alphabetical Order, and shall Keep regular entries of all their proceedings; And that the Committee may make bye Laws for their own government, and alter same from time to time, provided such bye laws be not Repugnant to, or inconsistent with the general Rules of the Society, which bye laws shall not be altered by any subsequent Committee unless with the express consent of a Majority of their number.

No 14 That the Society shall hold two general meetings in every year - Viz. - On the day after the last day of Easter

and of Michaelmas Term (unless any such days be Sunday in which case the meeting shall be held on the day following) at which meetings all questions within the principles of the Society, or any contemplated change in its general Rules may be discussed, provided notice of the subject matter for discussion shall have been furnished to the Secretary, to be posted in the Public Room of the Society for ten days at least previous to such meeting. -

No 15. That at the general meeting after Easter Term in each year, the Committee shall submit to the meeting the Accounts of the Society up to the previous 1st of May - Whereupon the Chairman shall nominate five members not of the Committee (three of whom to be a quorum) to Audit such Accounts, and Report thereon to the general meeting, after the ensuing term. -

No 16. That at all meetings of the Society, and of the Committee, all questions shall be carried by majority of votes, and the Chairman shall have (if necessary) a casting voice; And at all meetings of the Subscribers, the President, or in case of his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, or in case of their absence, one of the Committee shall be Chairman.

No 17. That the several Presses now in the large Room, being 408 in number, shall be by the Committee assigned by lot to such Subscribers to the Rooms, as shall in addition to their Annual Subscription of One pound, pay the further Annual Sum of five Shillings in Advance (and also a deposit of 5/- to be returned to him, on his delivering up the Key of the Press to the Secretary) such further Sum of five Shillings per annum to be payable on and from the 1st of May in each year.

No 18. That a list be opened by the Trustees on the 18th Inst^l which shall be continued by the Committee when elected and shall remain open till the 1st of July next, in which list the name of each member proposing to subscribe for a press shall be entered. And on said 1st of July the Committee shall assign by lot to each such Subscriber, a press, according to the number on such Press to correspond with the number of the lot drawn by or for each such Subscriber. -

N^o 19. That in case there shall not be p^resses sufficient for the number of subscribers who shall have paid their subscriptions therefor, the names of such superannuated subscribers shall be entered by the committee in a list, according to the priority of the numbers upon their lots; and such superannuated subscribers shall be entitled, according to such priority, to such p^resses as, (and according as they) shall from time to time become vacant, and any occupier of a p^ress shall be at liberty to exchange the same with the occupier of any other p^ress, or for a vacant one, under such regulations as the committee shall adopt with respect thereto.

N^o 20. That in case there shall be more p^resses than sufficient for the number of subscribers for the first allotment, such subscribers shall have a choice of p^resses, according to the priority of the numbers on their lots, and the committee shall open a list for further and future subscribers, who shall according to priority of application, be entitled to make choice of any one of such p^resses as shall at the time be unoccupied.

N^o 21. That upon a requisition for an extraordinary general meeting for any purpose, coming within the objects of this society, signed by 51 members at the least, the committee shall within 4 days from the receipt of such requisition, call such general meeting for the purpose of such requisition, such meeting to be held not sooner than six, nor later than 10 days from the posting of such notice; and in case the committee shall neglect or refuse to comply with such requisition, such 51 members may be at liberty to convene such general meeting upon giving the like notice; and the committee may at any time call an extraordinary general meeting upon giving six days previous notice.

N^o 22. That at the election of each subsequent committee a book containing a correct registry of the attendance of the several members of the previous committee, shall be placed on the table, open to the inspection of the subscribers.

No 23 - That Josias Dunn, Mathew Fraunce & William Goddard Esqrs be appointed trustees to this Society and that subscriptions or donations shall be paid only to them or one of them, or to the Secretary, the Receipts to be signed by such Trustees, and Countersigned by the Secretary.

Moved by Mr Cantwell and seconded by Mr Bastable - That the thanks of the profession be and are hereby given to the Committee who prepared said Rules and Regulations. - which was carried unanimously -

Thanks to Com^{ee} who prepared Rules

Rooms to be kept closed -

The following Resolution proposed by Mr Meade and seconded by Mr Walker - That after the Ballot shall be concluded, the Committee shall be at liberty, if they see fit, to keep the room closed until such period as may be necessary to enable the Benchers to have the furniture &c completed.

Moved by Mr Watt & seconded by Mr Walker - That Mr Scott do take the Chair - Resolved - That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr Goddard for his very proper and dignified conduct in the Chair this day - Carried unanimously -

Resolved. That the following notice be given in the several newspapers of the Rules having been finally approved of by the profession and that the Ballot for a Committee of 31 Members was now going forward at the Sol^{rs} Rooms, and that notice of said Ballot be advertised daily until concluded -

Attorneys & Solicitors, Ireland -

Society's Rooms, Four Courts -

Ballot for Committee of 31

The profession are informed that the Ballot for the general Committee of 31 for the current year (under the Rules & Regulations now adopted) commenced on Friday the 18th Inst. and will be continued this

day - Monday, and Tuesday, Commencing at 11 and closing at 4^o each day and finally terminate at 4^o on Tuesday the 22nd Inst.

No person can ballot who has not previously become a member by signing the Book and paying the Subscription of One pound - Nor can any person be elected on the Committee who has not signed the Book and paid his Subscription before the close of the Scrutiny -

By order - Edw^d Mes - Secy. pro tem -

Solicitors Room

New Buildings, Four Courts
Friday 18th June 1841.

11^o a.m.

Ballot

In pursuance of the 8th Rule of the New Society of Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland, The Ballot for a general Committee of 31 for the current year (ending May 1842) was commenced and proceeded with under the superintendance of Mess^{rs} Dumm, Goddard, Franks, Montgomery, Knox, Campion, Dudgeon, Pilkington and Bastable with the assistance of Mr Mes - and the first days Ballot terminated at 4^o this day, when 52 Members of the Profession (being Subscribers to said Room) balloted for said Committee.

Saturday 19th June 1841.

11^o a.m.

Ballot

Ballot resumed when 35 Members of the Profession - (Subscribers to said Room) balloted between the hours of 11^o & 4^o for said Committee, making a total of 87 Ballots up to this day (being the second of said Ballot) -

Ballot further adjourned til 11^o on Monday next the 21st Inst.

Monday 21st day of June 1841

Meeting of the Profession held pursuant to requisition to take into consideration the Rights of the Profession of Attorney & Solicitor in Ireland, in respect to the Office of Secondary of the Court of Exchequer, Vacant by the lamented decease of James Leathem Esq^r -

Moved by Mr. Mahony and seconded by Mr. Tandy
That Mr. Goddard do take the Chair -

The Chairman requested to know the sense of the Meeting as to admitting the Reporters of the Press -

Carried unanimously that they be admitted

Requisition as published in the Newspapers calling the meeting read by the Chairman as follows -

Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland

A Meeting of the Profession will be held in the Attorneys and Solicitors New Rooms, Four Courts Dublin on Monday the 21st Inst. at two O'clock in the Afternoon, to take into consideration the Rights of this Profession, in respect to the Office of Secondary of the Exchequer Vacant by the lamented decease of Mr. Leathem Esq^r

Moved by Mr. Wato, seconded by Mr. Beasley & Resolved That the Office of Secondary of the Court of Exchequer (Vacant by the decease of James Leathem Esq^r, one of the Attorneys) is a Ministerial one, and of that class heretofore invariably filled by an Attorney. -

Moved by Mr. Conry - seconded by Mr. Seward - and Resolved. That the various duties of this Office, are of such a nature as can be properly performed by a Member of the Profession of Attorney & Solicitor only, and that the appointment of a Member of any other Profession, or of a Non Professional man, to such an Office, would be an injustice to the Members of the Profession of Attorney & Solicitor in

Secondary of
Court of Exchequer

Requisition
calling Meeting
thereon

Resolution
thereon

Ireland, and injury to the Public at large -

Moved by Mr Meares, Seconded by Mr Dix - and

Government
to be applied
to on right of
attys to office
of Secretary

Resolved That the following Gentlemen be appointed a ^{Deputation} Committee
to Communicate with the Government, and Respectfully
to assert the Right of the Profession of Attorney and
Solicitor in Ireland to the Office of Secretary of the Court
of Exchequer - viz

Mr. Lewis O'Brien M.P.

Mr Dunn

Mr Wall

Mr Franks

Mr Sandy

Mr Goddard.

Mr Beasley

Moved by Mr Daly - Seconded by Mr Scott - and
Resolved. That the foregoing Resolutions be published in the
Morning and Evening Newspapers -

Mr Goddard Chairman

Note by the Secy. - The deputation immediately proceeded to the Castle
where in the absence of Norman McDonald Esq^r they had an
interview with Capt^r Romilly, at the under Secy's office on the
subject of the foregoing Resolutions, and of which they handed
him a copy. -

Dep^y have
interview with
Capt^r Romilly

Solicitors Room

New Buildings, Four Courts -

Monday 21st June 1841. 1106

Ballot

Ballot resumed when 30 Members of the Profession (Subscribers
to said Rooms) balloted between the hours of 11 and 4 o'clock
for said Committee, making a total of 117 Ballots up to this
day, -

P. Ballot further adjourned until 11 o'clock on
tomorrow (Thursday 22nd June 5)

Solicitors Room

New Buildings Four Courts

Tuesday 22nd June 1841 -

11 O'Clock -

Ballot

Ballot further resumed when 164 Members of the Profession (8 Subscribers to this Society) balloted for said Committee between the hours of 11 & 4 O'Clock when the Ballot finally terminated 281 members having balloted altogether. -

Ballotting box opened, to arrange the mode of proceeding with the Scrutiny on the following day, and to enable the Secretary to make the necessary preparations for same. Scrutiny of the Ballot to commence at 11 O'Clock tomorrow morning.

Solicitors Room.

Wednesday 23rd June 1841

11 O'Clock.

Scrutiny
of Ballot

The Scrutiny of the Ballot commenced this day and was proceeded with by the Scrutators - Viz. Messrs Dunn, Goddard, Franks, Montgomery, Kinnear, Campion, Dudgeon, Bastable and Campion - with the assistance of Mr Nes - and terminated at 5 O'Clock this day, when draft report of Scrutators agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and ready for signature on tomorrow. Which report is as follows.

Scrutators

Solicitors Room. New Buildings. Four Courts

Wednesday 23rd June 1841 -

5 O'Clock P.M.

Scrutators
Report

Report of Messrs Dunn, Goddard, Franks, Montgomery Kinnear, Campion, Dudgeon & Bastable, the Scrutators appointed on the 17th Inst. to preside over the Ballot for a Committee of 31 to be elected under the new Rules, which were approved of by the Profession, at their meeting held in the Solicitors Room on the 18th Inst. -

We the Scrutators have to report that in pursuance of the Resolution entered into at the General meeting of the Profession held in this Room on the 17th Inst. the Ballot commenced on Friday the 18th - and terminated at 4 O'Clock on Tuesday the 22nd Inst. -

That a regular entry was kept of the members who subscribed to said Room, and were thereby qualified to vote for said

said Committee, and of said Subscribers to said Society, we have ascertained that 281 have Balloted for said Committee, and that the undernamed Gentlemen having the Number of votes severally Attached to their names, are the Committee for the year to terminate on the 1st May 1842 - viz

1 Josias Dunn	253	12 Tho ^s . Babington	184	22 W ^m Jos ^h Cooper	148
2 William Goddard	250	13 Sam ^l Knox	183	23 Tho ^s Crozier	145
3 Mathew Franks	242	14 Alex ^r Bate	182	24 Sam ^l Reeves	144
4 Edw ^d . Tandy	227	15 John Liddow	181	25 Tho ^s . Beasley	143
5 J ^{no} Tho ^s Keft	219	16 Alex ^r . Montgomery	180	26 Chas. Meares	110
6 Jas ^s Watt	210	17 Rich ^d . Walker	180	27 Edw ^d . J. Smith	101
7 W ^m H. Roe	213	18 Arthur Barlow	169	28 Rich ^d Scott	95
8 Rich ^d Meade	210	19 Edmond O'Brien	164	29 J ^{no} McMahon	94
9 Rich ^d J. T. O'Ryan	209	20 M ^{rs} Barrington	155	30 Jas ^s Falls	91
10 W ^m B. Wallace	198	21 Wills H. Meurdy	149	31 Tho ^s Conry	87
11 W ^m Ford	196				

And that the following ten names have the next greatest number of votes on the Ballot after said Committee viz

1 Tho ^s . Seward	83	6 Edwin Battersby	68
2 John Collins	75	7 Rich ^d Ellis	61
3 W ^m Furlong	74	8 W ^m J. Kent	60
4 John Grene	74	9 J. M. Cantwell	58
5 John Hazlett	71	10 Leonard Dobbin	49

Which we submit as our Report this 24th day of June 1841 -

Josias Dunn
 W^m Goddard
 Mathew Franks
 Alex^r Montgomery
 Sam^l Knox
 Geo Pilkington
 C. W. Campion
 Alex^r Dudgeon
 D^e Passtable

Solicitors Room

3 O'clock.

Monday 8th November 1841.

The following Notice having appeared in the Saunders News-
paper of this day - viz -

"Solicitors Buildings Four Courts

Address to
Lord Chief
Justice

"The Lord Chief Justice having appointed three O'clock on this day (Monday)
to receive an Address from the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland at
the Four Courts, such Members of the Profession as wish to attend on the
Occasion are requested to meet at the Solicitors Buildings at half past 2 O'clock.

By order - Edward Hes Secretary."

Mr. Dunn being called to the Chair, and having stated to
the meeting the reason why his Lordship was unable to attend
to receive the Address this day, and a wish having been expressed
that the Address should be read to the meeting, it was read
accordingly & the following Resolution was unanimously
agreed to -

Moved by Mr. Sampson and seconded by Mr. Millett and

adopted

Resolved: That the Address to the Lord Chief Justice as now read
be adopted, and that the thanks of the Profession are
due to the Committee of this Society for preparing same.

and Resolved
advertised

Resolved. That the foregoing Resolution be advertised in the
Saunders, Freeman & Register of tomorrow, and that a
notification be also given to the Profession of his Lordships
intention of receiving the Address in Chamber at three
O'clock tomorrow be also inserted in the foregoing
papers. -

Solicitors Room.
Tuesday 9th November 1841.

The following Notice having appeared in the Saunders News Paper of this day - viz

"Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts

8th Nov. 1841

Address to
Lord Chief
Justice.

"The Lord Chief Justice having been unavoidably prevented
"from receiving the address from the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland
"on yesterday, The members of the Profession are requested to
"meet at the Solicitors Buildings, at half past 2 O'Clock this
"day (Tuesday) in order to present same pursuant to his Lordships
"Appointment"

By Order. Edward Hles Secretary.

W^m Goddard Esq^r being called to the Chair, informed the meeting that a further communication had been received by Mr Dunn from The Lord Chief Justice stating that his Lordships indisposition confined him to his Room, and obliged him again to postpone receiving the Address of the Profession at the period he had appointed for attending to receive the same, and that his Lordship was not sufficiently convalescent to name a time for that purpose at present, but he hoped soon to do so, and would apprise Mr Dunn of the time.

Mr Goddard further stated that due notice would be given to the Profession (by an Advertisement in the several News Papers) of the time that his Lordship would appoint for the Address being presented to him.

W^m Goddard

Solicitors Room

11th November 1841.

1/2 past 2 O'Clock.

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The following notice having appeared in the Saunders News -
- Paper of this day - viz -

Solicitors Buildings - Four Courts

Lord Chief
Justice appointed
to receive address

Notice is hereby given that the late Lord Chief Justice has appointed
the hour of 3 O'clock this day (Thursday) to receive the Address from
the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland.

The preliminary Meeting of the Profession will be held
at the Solicitors Room at half past 2 O'clock.

By Order - Edw^d M^r. Secretary

In pursuance of the intimation received by the Society of The
Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland from The Lord Chief Justice stating that
he would attend to receive the Address prepared for presentation
to him, a very large and most ^{Influential} respectable meeting of the Profession
held their preliminary meeting in the Solicitors Buildings at
half past two O'clock, to arrange as to the mode of proceeding.
In a short time afterwards Mr Dunn the President, Mr Goddard
and Mr Knox vice Presidents, and several members of the Committee
repaired to the Queens Bench Chamber. - The late Chief Justice
accompanied by his sons Arthur & Thomas Burke Esq^s had
arrived. After receiving these gentlemen, the Chief Justice
accompanied them to the large Room of the Society in the
Solicitors Buildings. - When he took his seat the Room was
densely crowded.

Josias Dunn Esq^r as President of the Society of The
Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland, at once proceeded to address him in
the following terms. -

"Sir -

The Society of the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland having
been apprised of your intention of resigning the high Office of
Lord Chief Justice which you so ably & honorably filled, have
delegated to me as their President, the high and gratifying
honor of presenting to you the Address which was unanimously
voted on the 5th Inst and which with your permission, I shall
now read."

To The Right Hon^{ble} Charles Kendall Bushe late
 Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's
 Bench in Ireland

Sir

The Retirement from public life of any eminent individual will naturally cast a shade of sadness over the feelings of even ordinary observers; but when the personage has long occupied a most prominent station, amongst the most distinguished of his countrymen, how much deeper must the shadow fall upon the minds of those who have from their situation and pursuits been placed in the daily observation, and therefore the more full appreciation of his various excellencies.

It is with such feelings that the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland avail themselves with a melancholy pleasure of the occasion of your resignation of the high Office of Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, to express their sincere regret to find that you appear to have felt the time to have arrived, when you may claim to be, "donatum jam tunc" - and to enjoy that rest and leisure - that time for the retrospect of a valuable life in this world - and those contemplations of that which is to endure to eternity, which will, we trust be the comfort and happiness of the rest of "the days of your years". -

It is not our purpose nor could we hope to become your panegyrists. Your public life will be part of the history of our country; while the recollections of the refined scholar, the accomplished gentleman, the ornament of the society in which you have moved will last as long as the memory of those who had the happiness of enjoying your friendship, or of being in the circle of your society.

But we may venture to dwell upon those subjects of which we are perhaps amongst the most competent to form an opinion. We may refer to the eminent station which you so long and so worthily occupied, alike at the Bar, or upon the judicial Bench. At the Bar perhaps unrivalled amongst the many eloquent and accomplished orators of your time. Upon the Bench one who added dignity to that high station, from which others have been content to endeavour to borrow their lustre; and who to abilities of the highest order, not only brought the first

Qualifications of a Judge - the most perfect impartiality, and the most unswerving integrity, but (without which these high Qualities would have been in a great degree neutralised) - that urbanity of manner - that kindness of feeling - that patient Attention, and that well regulated condescension which while they enhanced the dignity of the Judge, were at the same time most gratifying to the Practitioners in your Court.

While therefore we attempt to express our regret at your retirement from your high Office, we trust we may be permitted to convey to you, our sincere respect and esteem for your Character and virtues - our high admiration of your splendid talents and acquirements - our deep sense of the value of your great public services; And to conclude with an humble hope that that tranquility which you have sought may be vouchsafed to you for many years, and be finally exchanged for that everlasting peace which passeth all understanding.

Signed by order. Josias Dunn

Solicitors Room, New Buildings
Four Courts, 11th Nov. 1841

President of the Society of The
Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland.

A few moments after Mr Dunn had resumed his seat, the late Lord Chief Justice, proceeded to Reply to the address, as follows.
"Gentlemen of the Society of Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland."

Reply of
The Lord
Chief Justice

I return you my thanks for an Address of no ordinary character, in which you have combined kindness towards me, with pious and pathetic sentiments upon the solemn Act of retiring from public duties at the close of life, and have suggested recollections of those more than solemn, those awful considerations which upon such occasions, or any occasions ought never to be forgotten. That address bespeaks the acquirements and principles of you, Gentlemen, who have joined in it, and who are well known to me and the Court as eminent practitioners, well acquainted with the nature and extent of my services, upon which you have been pleased to observe in your Address, - For that and your kind wishes for my happiness I once more thank you, hoping that in your Association for promoting the Interests and maintaining the honor and character of your profession you may succeed in those most praiseworthy attempts. The younger part of the Profession

Solicitors Room - 1 O'Clock.
Thursday 10th February 1842

William Furlong Esq^r
in the Chair

The Secretary read the following Notice from the Newspaper, calling a public meeting.

Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts - 3^d Feb 4 1842 -

To Attorneys and Solicitors -

Notice There will be a General meeting of the entire profession held in English and the Solicitors room, at the New Building, Four Courts on this day Irish Solicitors (Thursday) the 10th day of February Inst. to take into consideration an important question between English and Irish Solicitors, as to the conduct of Professional Business in Ireland, when resolutions on the subject will be submitted for the approval of the profession. The Chair will be taken at One O'Clock precisely."

Mr Goddard's Statement Mr. Goddard stated the circumstances which led to the calling the meeting, and which had arisen in consequence of a recent correspondence he had had, with an English Firm belonging to the Profession for which he had been in the habit of transacting business in this Country, and they had lately proposed terms to him, which he felt he could not accede to, and in consequence had brought the subject under the consideration of the Committee of this Society, and they had agreed to Resolutions with regard to it, which would be submitted to the meeting for their adoption or rejection, or to be passed with such Amendments and Alterations, as they might deem advisable with a view to support the integrity and independence of the profession.

Mr Crozier's Statement Mr. Goddard further stated that his friend Mr. Crozier had received letters on the same subject, and to the like effect, the contents of which Mr. Crozier would submit to the meeting, and Mr. Crozier having done so, the Secretary was called on to read the proposed Resolution, which after some slight Alteration, it was moved by Mr. Goddard, and seconded by Mr. Crozier that same should be adopted by the Meeting, and which having been again read by the Chairman was carried unanimously, & was as follows.

10th day of February 1842.

At a meeting of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland, held in the Solicitors Buildings this day, pursuant to Public Advertisement in Order to take into Consideration certain proposals which have been made by Solicitors in England, to Solicitors in Ireland to become their Agents in carrying on suits in Ireland, upon receiving Agency Charges, and a participation of the profits - And it appearing to this meeting that acquiescence in such proposals would be virtually permitting English Solicitors to practise in the Irish Courts in the names of Irish Solicitors which is considered to be contrary to Statute Law -

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Resolved - That having every desire to Co operate with our professional Brethren in England, in any proposal that should be considered conducive, to the Elevation of the Character of our Profession in each Country, but being Adverse to any Arrangement which would tend to destroy that independence of Character so absolutely necessary to the honorable discharge of the duty which we undertake on being admitted members of the profession in Ireland, even if we did not consider ourselves bound by Law so to act. - We hereby express our unqualified Opposition to any such proposals being Acquiesced in and pledge ourselves as a body not to enter into any such Arrangements. -

Moved by Wm Ford & Seconded by J. M Cantwell Esq^{rs} -

To be printed
& circulated

Resolved - That the foregoing Resolution be printed & circulated throughout the profession of Att^{ys} and Sol^{rs} in Ireland - a Copy forwarded to the incorporated Law Society of England, and that the same shall be published in such English and Irish Newspapers, as the Committee may consider Expedient and necessary.

W Furlong

It being moved that Mr Furlong do leave the Chair, and Mr Goddard Esq having been called there to -

Resolved - That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr Furlong for his very proper conduct in the chair -

Solicitors Room.
 Wednesday 20th April 1842 -

William Furlong Esq^r
 in the Chair

The Secretary read the following notice from the News-
 -paper calling the Public Meeting. -

"To The Attorneys & Solicitors
 Take Notice -

Notice of
 Meeting

There will be a general Meeting of the Profession of Attorney
 and Solicitor held at the Solicitors Room Four Courts Dublin on
 this day (Wednesday) 20th Inst to take into Consideration the
 proposed increase of Stamp duties in Ireland. -

The Chair to be taken at 3 o'clock precisely. -"

Moved by Mr Ford, - seconded by Mr Hart, and

Resolved - That notwithstanding the injustice of requiring
 The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland to pay an Annual Tax
 to enable them to follow their profession, yet in as much as
 it is alleged, that the necessities of the State, require an
 extraordinary exertion, on behalf of the people, to support the
 finances of the Country, - The Attorneys of Ireland will not
 for the present appeal to the Legislature for the repeal of that
 Tax, however unjust in principle, and originally imposed
 as a war tax, but will at this time confine their appeal,
 to the Government and to Parliament, for the attainment of
 a substantial protection in the exclusive exercise of the duties
 incident to the Profession of Attorney and Solicitor in Ireland,
 in any measure to be brought forward for the Regulation of the
 Stamp duties of Ireland, such protection being a matter of right
 and justice to them, as well as for the Public good, it being
 obvious, that nothing tends more to litigation and insecurity
 of property, than that the Business appertaining to the
 Profession of the Law should be entrusted to those who have
 not been educated in the knowledge of it, and the practice of the
 Courts, and for whose conduct the Public has no guarantee either in
 their Acquisitions, or their Station in Society. -

Resolution
 as to increase
 of Stamp duties

Mr Ford then read for the information of the Meeting the second Resolution, as follows-

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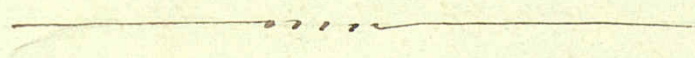
Resolved. That the Committee of the Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland, be authorised on behalf of the Profession, to communicate with the Government, and also if they deem it necessary, to prepare and forward Petitions to Parliament on the principles laid down in the foregoing Resolution, so that if the Annual licence shall be continued or increased, effective protection may be given to the members of the Profession in the exclusive exercise of it in all its departments.

After reading the foregoing Resolutions, Mr Scott Molloy proposed an Adjournment of the Meeting, which being overruled, several Amendments were proposed on the first Resolution, by Messrs. Campion Kennedy, Ellis, Connor, Hindes and Leavroll each of which having been put to the vote, and the Members having divided, & been reckoned the several Amendments were lost, and the Original Resolutions carried, notwithstanding that several Members of the Committee declined voting on the Subject.

Mr Hindes proposed that a Resolution should be passed as to publishing the Resolutions, but the Chairman decided that it should be left to the Committee to arrange doing so, in case they approved of it.

W Furlong
Chairman -

Mr Furlong having vacated the Chair, and Mr W. H. Roe having been called thereto the thanks of the Meeting were voted to Mr Furlong for his proper and dignified conduct as Chairman of the Meeting.



Solicitors Room.

Tuesday 10th day of May 1842

(One O'Clock P.M.)

The second half yearly General Meeting of the Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland was this day held pursuant to the 14th Rule.

Moved by Mr W. E. Bolton and Seconded by Mr Dolan
That Mr Goddard do take the Chair -

Mr Goddard (one of the Vice Presidents)
in the Chair.

Previous to the proceedings of the day being gone into, The Chairman stated to the Meeting, that the Secretary had received a letter from their President Mr Dunn, expressing his regret at being unable to attend the Meeting. -

The Secretary read from the Newspaper the Advertisement calling the Meeting. -

The Business of the day pursuant to the 15th Rule of the Society was then gone into. -

Mr Watt, (a Member of the Committee) brought up the Report, ^{& Accounts} and read same to the Meeting which was as follows. -

Report of The Committee of The Society of The Attorneys
and Solicitors of Ireland. -

Your Committee in making this their first Report and before entering on the Subjects which have engaged their Attention both at the formation of the Society, and during their year of Office feel it their pleasing duty to Congratulate the Society upon the evidence of success which has attended the efforts made for the establishment of a Body, so eminently calculated to benefit the Profession, in the Number of those who have enrolled themselves as Members during the short period which has elapsed since its

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Report of
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formation, and they confidently expect that as the Solid Advantages likely to be derived from it, shall become more generally known and more justly appreciated, they expect the great majority of the Profession will consider it alike their duty and their interest to become Members. —

Your Committee have to regret that they have not as yet been able to obtain possession of the entire of the Building, which was avowedly erected for the use of the profession and more especially the large Room on the ground floor, which it was hoped they would have had it in their power to appropriate as a lecture Room, but which instead of being available for so desirable a purpose, has been allotted to the accommodation of a Coffee Keeper, thus throwing at least, for the present, a serious obstacle in the way of one of the most important objects of the Society. they do not however relinquish the hope that the Society will yet be put into possession of this Apartment, as well as of the entire Building. —

Your Committee have to state that they Obtained possession of the Arbitration and Consultation Rooms, three in number in the Month of February last, since which period those Apartments have been in considerable use, and afforded great accommodation to the profession, but they regret that the 4th Room, which is much wanted for the same purpose, cannot in its present state be of any service whatever. —

Your Committee will now proceed to lay — Succinctly before you, some of the more important matters, which have engaged their Attention, Connected with the interests of the Profession —

Feeling that much injustice has been exercised in the Appointment of persons, not of our profession, to ministerial Offices connected with the legal departments, which had from time immemorial been filled by Attorneys or Solicitors, and which they only are qualified Adequately to fill

Your Committee considered it their duty upon vacancies occurring in the Court of Exchequer to make a strong representation upon the subject to the ^{then} Government and have since forwarded to the present Government a Memorial upon the same Subject - And they have also submitted for its consideration several alterations - which appeared to them necessary for the public service, in relation to the Rolls and records of the several Courts - the practice of the Court of Chancery, and with respect to the personal service of writs issuing from the Law Courts. - And Your Committee have the pleasure to state three situations which subsequently became vacant have been filled by Attorneys & Solicitors

In that memorial Your Committee endeavoured to impress upon the Government the strong conviction which they feel that a chief cause for the delay of suits in the Court of Chancery, lies in the accumulation of business in the Masters Offices, from the Masters being obliged to devote a great portion of their time to the taxation of Bills of Costs, and which delay your Committee suggested, would be avoided by the Appointment of two taxing Officers, who should discharge the duties at present imposed on the Masters in the taxation of all costs Subject of Course as at present to an appeal to the Court and accompanied their Memorial by copies of letters from very high Authority, not only in corroboration of their Views as to the advantage to be derived from the Appointment of such Officers, but suggesting that the persons to be Appointed should be Solicitors of a certain standing in the profession, as being in every respect more competent to such duty than Members of the Bar

Your Committee have the pleasure to state that to such their Memorial they received from the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Chief, the chief Secty for Ireland - a very

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satisfactory reply, and upon the important subject of Appointments to Offices, His Lordship by direction of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant was pleased to say that. "His Excellency is fully prepared to acknowledge that when vacancies shall occur, it will be his duty to attend to the just claims of so respectable a profession, and to the grounds put forward in support of them".

Your Committee also forwarded a Memorial to each of the 12 Judges shewing the Necessity of certain Alterations And an Assimilation of practice with respect to Various Matters in the Three Law Courts, and that not only with a view to Uniformity of practice but also to a saving of expense to suitors in many instances and which chiefly related to Orders to tot and for Special Juries - Rules to plead, and for Judgement - As to the limitation of time for entering Judgement on Warrants of Attorney - the practice peculiar to the Court of Queens Bench of filing Declarations in certain Cases against Individuals not Attorneys of the Court without serving or Issuing any process - And the proceedings in Replevin, and ^{they} also suggested the framing of a new form of Writ to be directed to the Defendant, instead of as at present being Directed to Sheriffs who are not intended either to receive or execute them, and so not only to Avoid such inconsistency, but the great inconvenience which arises from the Necessity of serving Defendants within the County to ^{the} Sheriff of which this writ is directed frequently rendering it Necessary in one Action when there is more than One Defendant to issue more than one writ to the Sheriff of several Counties - This Memorial however still remain under the consideration of their Lordships -

Your Committee have further to state that they prepared and forwarded to the Lord Chancellor a petition praying that the fees of Solicitors being Aliquot parts of a pound Stg. should be allowed in the Currency of the

day, according to Ancient usage, and not in the Late Irish Currency, which petition remains still under his Lordships Consideration

Your Committee have made many efforts to have the Schedule of Fees for the Equity Side of the Court of Chancery which had been furnished by the late Law Society settled, and that such should be submitted to their inspection, previous to its being made an Order of the Court, but altho' they have not as yet attained this Object, they have reason to think that the Subject is now under the Consideration of the Court -

With respect to a Schedule of fees for the Law Courts, Your Committee have to state that a Draft Schedule was about two years ago Submitted to the Judges by the late Law Society since which Your Committee have urged the Settlement of them by their Lordships in which they have not succeeded but they have reason to believe that same still remains under consideration It is however a Subject which your Committee would strongly recommend to the attention of their Successors, as the Establishment of a Schedule of fees for the Law Courts, would tend to remove many disadvantages and Sources of Complaint, which at present exist, but which are in many instances Submitted to in consequence of the expense attending a Reference to the Courts, falling upon the Suitor or Attorney, whether the Officer be in error or not -

A Bill having been brought into Parliament by Lord Langdale for consolidating and amending the Law relating to Attorneys and Solicitors practising in England and Wales, Your Committee have to state that they Carefully Considered the provisions of that Bill and communicated thereon with our Brethren of the incorporated Law Society of England Offering such Suggestions with regard to its proposed -

enactments as they considered might be immediately useful to our Brethern in England and Wales and might be ultimately beneficial to the profession here

It having Appeared to Your Committee that proposals were made by Solicitors in England to Solicitors in Ireland to become their Agents in carrying on suits in this Country, upon receiving Agency Charges involving a participation of profits, And Your Committee being of Opinion that Acquiescence in such proposals would be equally an infringement of Statute Law as detrimental to the rights and interest of the profession in Ireland deemed it advisable to call a public Meeting of the profession on the subject when a resolution declaratory of the sentiments entertained by Your Committee met with the approval of the Meeting and was published and widely circulated for the information of the public and of the profession - And Your Committee have the satisfaction to state that their Brethern in England have upon consideration fully acquiesced in the view of the subject taken by the profession in this Country

The act known in this Country under the name of Syncher Loan Act which enables trustees in England to invest Trust money on Irish property and to raise same through the intervention of the English Courts of Equity (and which appeared to be the sole object of the Act) having been considered highly Detrimental to the Landed proprietors of this Country And to persons having incumbrances on their Estates, as well not only as to the legal profession but the public at large, the late Law Society forwarded to Parliament a Petition praying for its Repeal, which petition was however from peculiar circumstances not attended with the desired effect, but Your Committee have now forwarded a similar petition and trust that that Act will be repealed -

An increase of the Stamp duties in Ireland, which will to a considerable extent, affect our profession being proposed. Your Committee called a public Meeting of the profession upon the Subject, at which Resolutions were passed expressive of the Sentiments of the profession, in consequence of which Your Committee have made a representation to Her Majesty's Government, through The Right Hon^{ble} the Chancellor of the Exchequer. —

Since the publication of the general Rules of the Society as framed at its formation, Your Committee have approved of Rules for the regulation of the Solicitors Room and Library, and also for the Arbitration and Consultation Rooms, — have arranged a mode of Voting by proxy, pursuant to the 9th Rule of the Society, and have suggested such alterations in the 8th & 15th Rules as the change of circumstances since the Original framing of the Rules have rendered necessary, and would recommend that the present General Rules when altered as now suggested, shall together with all the Rules and Regulations referred to, be published for the information of the Society and profession. —

The propriety of admitting Apprentices to the Solicitors Room, having been referred to your Committee for consideration, they have after mature deliberation come to the decision of submitting a resolution to the Society containing their view of the terms and Conditions upon which Apprentices might be admitted to that portion of the Building but Your Committee have in view the ultimate possession of the entire Building when it will be the duty of the Society to provide proper Accommodation for the delivering of Lectures and otherwise improving the practical Education of their Apprentices. —

With regard to the Funds of the Society Your Committee have had the amounts so framed as to ascertain the expenditure incurred in each Department, and classed them under distinct Heads for that purpose, and in their expenditure they have paid a strict regard to economy, consistent with the proper maintenance of the institution in every Department, and carefully avoiding every outlay that could possibly be dispensed with and they trust that the funds of the Society will shortly better enable various Arrangements, now in Contemplation to be made, which Your Committee conceive would afford greater Convenience & Accommodation to the profession especially as regards the Library.

With respect to the formation of a Library, Your Committee feel bound to acknowledge the valuable donation to this Society, by the late Law Society of all the Books papers &c collected from the institution of that body, until it ceased, on the formation of the present Society — Your Committee have also to state that the society is indebted to Mr. Wm. Ford, a member of this Committee for the presentation of a valuable Manuscript Book compiled by him, containing entries from the year 1833 of the Average Price of Corn, which Average must regulate the Septennial Rise or fall of the Tithes Rent Charge — and which entries have been continued to the present time, affording very valuable & important information to the Members of the Society, as to Septennial increase or decrease of the Tithes Rent Charge, and also the Rents reserved under the Church Temporalities act.

Your Committee have also to acknowledge the presentation to the Society by Mr. Robt. Maughan the Secretary to the Incorporated Law Society of England, of a collection of valuable works published by him on

Several important legal Subjects—

And Your Committee look forward to the funds & Library of the Society receiving further proofs of the Interest taken by the profession in forwarding the objects of so desirable an institution.

Your Committee would impress on the profession the advantages afforded by the supply of parliamentary papers and by Access to the Books on the Tables of the Solicitors Room containing entries for the sale & purchase of Estates & property of all Kinds— the lending and borrowing of Money, communicating information on all professional Subjects and which would be much better attained than either by the expense of public Advertisement, or by involving clients in the even more expensive & questionable intervention of Establishments holding out— by means of prospectus or advertisement, the Accomplishment of objects, which ought and can only be properly attained through Members of our profession.

With regard to the Salary of the Secretary Your Committee are of opinion that the several duties of that Officer, various as they are, being in fact for the present those of Secretary Librarian, Register & General Superintendent of the Establishment should be liberally remunerated— And Your Committee have not fixed any specific Salary but having regard as well to the extra duty incumbent upon the Officer of a Society, at its formation & During its Infancy as to the Amount of the Funds

Your Committee have allotted a sum of £200 as Remuneration to the Secretary for his past year of Office— And they have Gratification in announcing to the Society, that under many difficult Circumstances and in the Discharge of many Arduous

duties they have every reason to be fully satisfied with the Zeal, Attention & Diligence of that Officer - they have also much pleasure in expressing their high Approbation of the Uniform Attention Zeal & Competency, of the Assistant and having had every reason to approve of the Conduct of the person who heretofore acted as Hall porter & Messenger he has been appointed Care taker of the Building

Your Committee ^{cannot} conclude this their first report to the Society without intreating the profession generally to consider that it is utterly impossible either to preserve the Advantages they have already achieved, or to arrive at those which are still withheld, unless the Society are supported by funds from the profession in general particularly as every advantage which has been gained by this Society, or is in progress of being sought for, tends to the benefit of every individual member of the profession.

No. 1, Newspapers, Periodicals &c. - Supplied to the Solicitors Room

- 2 Library Account -
- 3 Advertising Account
- 4 Printing & Stationery Acc^t -
- 5 Petty Cash Acc^t & incidental expenses
- 6 Salaries and Wages Account

Total Amount of Receipts	£ 636. 5. 0
Total Amt of Expenditure	563. 12. 2 1/2
Balance in Bank to the Credit of the Society	£ 72. 13. 3 1/2
1 st May 1842	

Now For further particulars see Ledger - in the Secretary's Office

Moved by Mr Battersby, & Seconded by Mr Furlong
That the Report now read be received, Printed and Circulated
generally throughout the Profession -

Moved by Mr Dolan, Seconded by Mr Bolton - &
Resolved That the Committee be authorised to publish as an
appendix to the Report, such correspondence or extracts
therefrom, and other matters therein referred to, as they
shall think expedient. -

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate five Members (not of
the Committee) three of whom to form a Quorum, to Audit the
Society's accounts, and Report thereon at the General Meeting
to be now appointed, for the purpose of receiving the Scrutators Report
of the Ballot for a Committee, and which is to commence on the
1st day of June next -

The following Auditors were then Appointed -

Mess^{rs} Furlong, Dolan, Battersby, Hemphill & Bell.

The Secretary read the Notice of Motion which had been
posted in the Solicitors Room, by order of the Committee on the
subject of the Rules of the Society. -

" The Secretary gives notice by direction of the
Committee that at the General Meeting on the
10th of May next, the following Resolutions will be
recommended to the Meeting for adoption. -

That in as much as the 8th Rule as printed was intended
only for the formation of the Society, and is not at all applicable
to any future election, the form of such Rule be altered, and that
such Rule shall instead of its present form be in future as follows. -

That the Ballot shall commence at 11, and remain open til
four O'clock each day, and close finally at four O'clock, on the third
day, the President, Vice Presidents with five other Members of the
Society, not of the outgoing Committee (and to be nominated by the
President and Vice Presidents) along with the Secretary, to be Scrutators
of such Ballot, and have charge of the Ballotting box, which except
during balloting Hours is to remain sealed, until the Scrutiny

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shall commence, and such scrutators of whom five to be a quorum shall return the names of those elected, and shall also return the names of the ten persons having the next greatest number of votes after the 31 members who shall be so elected, out of which ten additional names all vacancies occurring in the committee during the year shall be filled according to the majority of votes given for such ten Members -

And for the like reason.

That the last four words of the 15th printed Rule be expunged, viz "after the ensuing term" - and that the following addition to such Rule be substituted - viz "to be held to receive the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot for which Meeting the General Meeting after Easter Term shall appoint a day" -

Committee Room

By order -

27 April 1842

Edw^d Mes. Secy.

The Question having been put by the Chairman on said motion - It was unanimously resolved that the Rules of the Society be altered in the manner recommended by the Committee as in said Notice specified -

The Secretary read the notice of motion which had been posted in the Solicitors Room by order of The Committee, on the subject of Admitting Apprentices to the Solicitor Room, which was as follows -

"The Secretary gives notice by direction of the Committee that at the General Meeting on the 10th May next the following Resolution will be recommended to the Meeting for Adoption" -

That regular indentured Apprentices to Solicitors or Attorneys being Members of this Society, shall have Admission to the Solicitors Room upon being personally introduced, and recommended by the Solicitor or Attorney to whom they are serving their Apprenticeship, and payment in advance by such Master of the Annual Sum of ten Shillings, payable in like manner as the Subscription of Members - Such Apprentices to subscribe their names & Residences with the names and Residences of their Masters in a Book to be kept for that purpose, but such Apprentices not in any way to be

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be considered members, or in any way to vote at any election or meeting, or otherwise interfere, or take part in any proceeding of the Society, or any proceeding of the Profession to be held in the Society's Rooms, And such Apprentices Right to Admission to cease by the non payment either of their Masters Subscription for himself or his Apprentices, or by their violating these terms of Admission, or infringing any of the Rules of the Society, or the Regulations of the Committee in pursuance of, or in accordance with such Rules -

By Order
Committee Room - 27. Apr. 1842.

Edw. Mes. Secy.

The Question having been put by the Chairman on said motion. It was unanimously Resolved, That Apprentices should be admitted to the Solicitors Room on the terms specified in the foregoing Recommendation of the Committee -

The Secretary then read a Notice which had been posted in the Solicitors Room which was as follows -

"Mr. Maguire gives notice that he will at the next General Meeting of this Society to be held on the 10th of May next Move, that the words " And that ten Members of the Outgoing Committee shall not be eligible to be re-elected for 3 years" which forms part of the 6th Rule of the Society, be expunged, in as much as an Annual change in the Committee is provided for by Rule No. 7.

29th April 1842.

Mr. Maguire not being present, it was decided by the Meeting that same should be considered as a dropped Notice.

The Secretary then read a further Notice which had been posted in the Solicitors Room by Mr. R. A. Walker, which was as follows.

Mr. Richd. A. Walker gives notice that he will move at the next stated General Meeting of the Society, the Adoption and Circulation of the following Resolution - viz.

That we strongly Recommend to our Profession, in cases to be decided by Arbitration, that whenever practicable, such cases to be referred to Attorneys or Solicitors, instead of Merchants Baristers or others, such course being equally for the benefit of Sutors, and for the Interests of the Profession, and we further Recommend that every consent on Submission shall provide for the payment to the Arbitrator or

Arbitrators of some specific fee per diem, and we are of opinion that the expense to Clients attending the Regular Taxation of Costs, might be avoided in many Cases, by following a similar Course. -

In the Absence of Mr Walker, Mr Wall having been requested to move the Subject of said Notice and Mr Rolton having seconded same, the Chairman put the question to the Meeting as to adopting it, when it was unanimously Approved of. -

Mr Dolan recommended that the foregoing Resolutions should be published with the Report which was approved of by the Meeting. -

Mr Goddard
Chairman. -

At this Stage of the Proceedings, Mr Goddard being obliged to leave the Meeting, and Mr Beasley having been called to the Chair, the Business was then proceeded with as follows. -

Mr Fowler having stated to the Meeting that he had a Claim against the late Law Society which had not been settled, and having referred to a Resolution on the Subject, passed at the last quarterly meeting of that Society, and stated that it had been referred to the then Committee of that Society, to report specially on his claim, and as that Society had merged into the present one, and they having handed over all their property as a gift to this Society, he respectfully submitted, that he had a claim on the funds of this Society to make good such his demand. -

After considerable discussion on the Subject it was suggested to Mr Fowler to specify in writing the nature of his claim, which he did as follows -

"Mr Fowler late Secretary to the late Law Society of Ireland respectfully makes the following communication - That upon an Account audited and settled with him as such Secretary by the Committee of the late Law Society, a sum of £50 or thereabouts was found to be due to him, That since the Auditing of such Account, Mr. Fowler has discovered by receipts and vouchers that he made other payments, not charged by him to the Society. -

Whereupon the following Resolution was moved by Mr Dolan and seconded by Mr Watt -

That the consideration of Mr Fowlers claim on the late Law Society be referred to the Committee to report to the next General Meeting, how far it is well founded, and how far they Consider this Society is bound in honor and justice to discharge it. -

And the Question having been put by the Chairman on the foregoing Resolution, same was Adopted by the Meeting.

In pursuance of the 15th Rule as now altered at this meeting - The Chairman proceeded to nominate the following persons as scrutators of the Ballot for a Committee to be held on the 1st June next, - Messrs Barker, Dolan, Battersby, Lowley jr and Bell.

It was suggested by Mr Furlong and Approved of by the Meeting, that a written notification should from time to time be posted in the Solicitors Room (near to the Table, on which the Parliamentary Papers are kept) of the Arrival of any Bill relating to Ireland, the Subject of which it might be of importance to the Profession to direct their Attention to. -

The Chairman having proposed to the Meeting that Tuesday the 7th day of June next at the hour of two O'clock should be fixed as the day and time, to be appointed for calling a meeting of the Society to receive the report of the Auditors of the account, and also the report of the Scrutators of the Ballot - same was appointed accordingly. -

Chairman

It having been moved by Mr Dolan that Mr Beasley should leave the Chair, and Mr Knose being called there to, the thanks of the Meeting were accorded to Mr Beasley for his conduct in the Chair. -

Solicitors Room -

Wednesday 1st June 1842 -

The following Gentlemen were Appointed at the General Meeting held on the 10th of May last pursuant to the 15th rule of this Society as altered, to act as Scrutinisers and preside over the Ballot for a Committee, viz Messrs Wm Barker, Terence J. Dolan, Edwin Battersby, James Cowley & David Bell, together with the President, two Vice Presidents and the Secretary. -

The Ballot commenced at 11 O'Clock and terminated at a quarter past 4 O'Clock -

The following Gentlemen presided during the day over the Ballot - viz Messrs Knox, Cowley, Bell, Dunn, Goddard and Barker. - 29 Members balloted the first day.

Thursday 2nd June 1842 -

The Ballot resumed at 11 O'Clock and terminated at 4 O'Clock when 43 members balloted during this day - Making a total of 72 - and the following gentlemen presided during this day Messrs Dunn, Battersby, Barker, Knox, Cowley and Bell.

Friday 3rd June 1842 -

The Ballot resumed at 11 and terminated finally at 4 O'Clock when 71 members Balloted during this day - Making a total of 143

The following Gent^l presided over the Ballot during the day - Messrs Dunn, Barker, Goddard, Knox, Battersby, Bell & the Secy. And 11 O'Clock tomorrow morning appointed to commence the Scrutiny

Saturday 4th June 1842

Scrutiny Commenced and proceeded with from 11 until 6 O.C. in the presence of the following Gent^l Men Viz - Messrs Knowlton Bacher Cowley Gunn Bell Dolan Batterby and the Secty and Monday Morning at 11 O.C. appointed for concluding the Scrutiny and signing the Certificate. —

Monday 6th June 1842

The Scrutiny further proceeded with in the presence of Messrs Gunn Goddard Knowlton Dolan and the Secty. And the Certificate Ascertaining the Result of the Scrutiny was then signed by said Scrutator and handed over to the Secty - and the Result to be declared at the public Meeting to be held on tomorrow the 7th Inst. for the purpose of receiving same and also the Report of the Auditors of the annual Act.

Solicitors Room

7th June 1842

2 O.C. P.M.

In pursuance of the Resolution passed at the Genl. half yearly Meeting held on the 10th of May last the present Meeting called by public advertisement has been convened. —

W^m Goddard Esq. was called
to the Chair

The Secty having read the Advertisement Calling the Meeting - then proceeded to read the Certificate of the Scrutators appointed to preside over the Ballot for a Committee whereupon it was moved that same should be rec^d and entered on the Minutes

The Society of the Attorneys & Solicitors
of Ireland -
Solicitors Room Tuesday 7th day of June 1842

Report of Messrs. Dunn, Goddard, Knox, Barker
Dolan Batterby, Cowley junr. and Bell the Scrutators
appointed to preside over the Ballot for a Committee of this Society -

We the Scrutators in pursuance of the
resolution entered into at the half yearly general Meeting of this
Society, held on the 10th day of May Ult. in the Solicitors Room have
to Report as follows -

That said Ballot commenced on Wednesday last the first day
of June Inst and was continued until Friday the 3rd Inst. having
remained open from 11 to 4 o'clock each day and we find the result
of the Scrutiny of said Ballot to be as follows. - viz

That 143 Members have balloted and that after striking
off such Members of the outgoing Committee as the provisions of
the Rule was applicable to, the under named Gentlemen having
the number of votes severally attached to their names, are the
committee for the year to terminate on the 1st of May 1843. -

	N ^o . of Votes		N ^o . of Votes
1 - Josias Dunn	141	13 - James Watt	108
2 - W ^m Goddard	138	14 - Tho ^s Babington	106
3 - Rich ^d . Meade	128	15 - Sam ^l . S. Reeves	106
4 - J. T. Kift	126	16 - Alex ^r . Bate	105
5 - Edw ^d . Sandy	123	17 - Edm ^d . O'Beirne	105
6 - W ^m B. Wallace Jr	120	18 - W ^m A. Roe	100
7 - Sam ^l . Knox	118	19 - Mat ^r . Barrington	97
8 - Arthur Barlow	113	20 - Mat ^r . Franks	95
9 - William Ford	113	21 - W ^m J. Cooper	89
10 - Rich ^d . J. T. Orpen	113	22 - John Collum	55
11 - Edw ^d . J. Smith	109	23 - John Grene	52
12 - Rich ^d . A. Walker	108	24 - John Galloway	44

	No. of Votes
25 Godwin Swift	43
26 John Oppin	42
27 Edwin Battersby	42
28 W. T. Kent	39
29 Wm. Furlong	38
30 Nich. Ellis	31
31 David Bell	28

And that the following are the ten names having the next greatest number of votes on the Ballot after the Committee, and as such eligible to fill up any vacancies that may occur on the Committee during the year

	No. of Votes		No. of Votes
1 Wm. Stern Aarts	26	6 Godfrey Fetherston	18
2 Keith Hallows	25	7 Thos. D. La Touche	17
3 John Hazlett	23	8 Leonard Dobbin	17
4 Rich. P. Tighe	22	9 J. M. Cantwell	16
5 George Armstrong	22	10 Robert Maunsel	16

Which we submit as our Report this
7th day of June 1842

Jos. Dunn
Wm. Goddard
Saml. Knox
Francis Dolan
Wm. Barker
Edwin Battersby
D. Aid. Bell

7th June 1842

The Secty then read the annual acct which had been examined vouched and found correct by the Auditor appointed for that purpose -

For particulars see Ledger kept in Secty office
Mr. Goddard having left the chair & Mr. Furlong ^{being} called there

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The thanks of the Meeting were unanimously
accorded to Mr Goddard for his very proper and
dignified Conduct in the Chair. —

Solicitors Room

Wednesday 2nd November 1842 — One O'clock

Meeting of the Profession called at the Solicitors
Room, Four Courts, on the first day of Term, pursuant to a
requisition signed by upwards of One hundred and fifty Attorneys
and Solicitors, and published in the Evening Post of the 1st Oct.
ult, and other Newspapers — for the purpose of taking into
consideration the best mode of testifying their respect to
the memory of the late Right Honble Sir Michael O'Loghlin
Bart late Master of the Rolls, and the deep regret they
feel at his loss. —

*Isaac Dunn Esq^r having been called
to the Chair*

The Secretary proceeded to read the requisition calling
the Meeting when Messrs Roe, Tandy, Goddard, Knox, Scott &
Ford severally addressed the Meeting, and dwelt at length
on the great loss which both the Public and the Profession
had sustained, by the death of so highly gifted & talented
a Man, and so impartial a Judge, and one who by the
confidence he at all times reposed in the Profession, and
from his courtesy towards them, most justly calls on
them to come forward on the present melancholy occasion
to bear testimony to his worth by erecting some suitable
testimonial to his memory. —

Mr Ford observed that it was worthy of record
to state that the late Sir Michl O'Loghlin had in a very
great measure sacrificed his life, by his too close attention
to the very arduous and laborious duties of the high and
important office which he filled, and in proof of which he
might mention that after last term his Friends perceiving

perceiving the inroads which constant Application to Business had made on his Constitution, and his Medical Attendant having remonstrated with and advised him to adjourn the Business of his Court for at least One Month Sir Mich^l Foghley's Reply was "Look at that heap of notices they are all Money Motions - I have separated them from the Others - How many people there, who have a right to get their Money, out of the Court after waiting perhaps for years? - How many widows there? - No - I shall be able to go through the work, but if I was to die on the Bench, I shall dispose of every one of them, if I be a living Man before the Court rises -" And he did so - But he has fallen a victim to the discharge of his duty - When such a Man has been called away, surely the Memory of his Acts ought to be transmitted in a lasting manner as matter for imitation - When living he was said to be the greatest Judge in any Country - Now that he was dead the proof could be given of it - In the space of 5 years and an half that he presided in the Court he disposed of upwards of 25,000 different matters. He pronounced more than that number of Orders, and out of that number there were only 20 Appeals from his decisions. On the hearing of those Appeals, 14 of his orders were affirmed - 3 varied in part, and 3 only reversed, and one of these on a Communication he himself made to the Appellant Court, on a Reconsideration of the case - Can we not therefore fairly say and claim for our Country, that he was the greatest Judge in any Country? - And what an Honor this is to Ireland - I rejoice (said Mr Ford) that the Juries of Ireland show themselves worthy of the confidence placed at all times in them by this good and truly great Man - by this day evincing their Respect for the Man, who always respected them, both at the Bar and on the Bench - who never wounded the feelings of any - who never made an enemy, or lost a Friend.

It was then Moved by Mr Roe, seconded by Mr Goddard & Resolved. That we deeply regret the loss which our Profession in common with the Public, have sustained by the

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death of the late Right Honourable Sir Michael Loghlea
Bart. Master of the Rolls - and that we feel it due
to his memory to record by some public testimonial
our high sense of his talents - Our grateful recollection
of his uniform Courtesy towards our Profession, and the
facility at all times afforded by him to the Attainment
of Justice. -

Moved by Mr Knox, Seconded by Mr Sandy, and
Resolved. That a Committee be now appointed, consisting of
Josias Dunn, Saml Knox, Wm Hamilton Roe, Richd Scott,
Richd J. T. O'Brien, John Collins, Edw Sandy, Wills A Mearns,
Robert Power, and Edward Hes (Secretary of the Society of
The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland) Esquires, to
receive Subscriptions from our Profession for the
purpose of carrying the foregoing Object into effect
and that they do report thereon to a meeting of
the subscribers to be held on the day after the present Term.

And that the following Gentlemen be appointed
Treasurers of the Fund, and that they do open an
account in their names in the Bank of Ireland. In
Josias Dunn, Wm Goddard & Wills Hill Mearns Esqrs

It having been moved that Mr Dunn do leave the Chair
and Wm Furlong Esq being called there to, the thanks of
the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Dunn for
his very proper and dignified Conduct in the Chair. -

Immediately after the Business of the Meeting was concluded
a subscription list was opened in the Room, and upwards of £220
paid in to the Treasurers of the Fund, before the Meeting broke up.

Solicitors Room
 Saturday 26th day of November 1842

The O'Loghlen Testimonial Fund

Meeting held pursuant to Adjournment from 2nd November Inst, to receive the Report of the Committee Appointed to receive Subscriptions for the Above purpose.

Josias Dunn Esq^r, being called to the Chair

Mr Goddard brought up the Report of the Committee Appointed to collect Subscriptions, which being read by the Secretary, was as follows -

Report of Mess^{rs} Dunn, Knox, Roe, Scott, Orpen, Collum, Tandy, Meccedy and Power, the Committee Appointed to receive Subscriptions, towards erecting of a suitable Testimonial to the Memory of the late Right Hon^{ble} Sir Michael O'Loghlen, late Master of the Rolls.

Your Committee have to Report that the Subscriptions already received Amount to the sum of £513 which sum has been contributed by 268 Members of the Profession, and that £500 of that sum has been lodged in the Bank of Ireland to the credit of the Trustees appointed at the last meeting, that Subscriptions continue to be received daily. And your Committee feeling that it would be unjust to Members of the Profession residing in distant parts of Ireland to close the Subscriptions list without giving them an opportunity of contributing to the Fund, beg leave to recommend that the list be kept open until the last day of the ensuing Term, and that a Committee be Appointed for each County for the purpose of receiving Subscriptions from Country Members, not doubting but that by so doing such an addition will be made to the sum already subscribed, as will insure a fund for the erection of a Testimonial, suitable to the memory of that great and

talented individual

which we submit as our Report this 26th day of
November 1842.

Josias Dunn

Samuel Knox

Wmth Roe

Richard Scott

Richard J. T. Bowen

John Collins

Edward Tandy

Wmth H. Meedy

Robert Power -

It was moved that the foregoing Report be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes, and that the Committee do take steps to carry out the Recommendation therein contained, as to the Appointment of a Committee for receiving Subscriptions ⁱⁿ the Country, during the ensuing Vacation, and ^{as to} all other arrangements connected therewith. *J. Dunn*

Mr Dunn having left the Chair and Mr Scott being called there to, the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Dunn for his very proper and dignified conduct in the Chair. -

Solicitors Room

Saturday 26th day of November 1842.

The Third General half yearly Meeting of The Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland was held this day pursuant to the 16th Rule of the Society as published with the first Report. -

Josias Dunn Esq^{re} in the Chair

The Secretary stated that no Notification had been given to him of any Subject to be brought forward at this Meeting as provided for by the 16th Rule of the Society, and that with regard to Mr Fowlers claim which was brought forward at the last half yearly Meeting, and then referred to the General Committee of this Society to report thereon to this Meeting, they were prevented doing so, in consequence of Mr Fowler, not

having furnished them with the particulars of payments stated to have been made by him, and not charged to the Law Society.

Mr Fowler in explanation stated that he had only received Mr Iles' letter on the subject so recently as the 18th Inst, and that owing to a press of other matters, which he had to attend to, and the shortness of the notice given him he was not prepared or enabled to furnish the particulars required, and instanced that he was only just now able to procure from the Attorney General, Briefs held by him when acting as Counsel for the Law Society, on which he Mr Fowler had paid him his Fees. —

Mr Fowler then referred to his Account furnished to the late Law Society, which he stated had been audited and on foot of which a Balance of £50 had been ascertained to be due to him, and which he submitted ought to be now discharged: — In answer to which Mr Iles replied that until the Committee were furnished with all the information which they had applied for to Mr Fowler, they could not report on his Claim, as they were required to do by the Resolution entered into at the last half yearly Meeting of this Society. —

The Subject of the Society holding Quarterly instead of half yearly Meetings, having been discussed, and it appearing to be the Opinion of the Meeting that such a change would be desirable, and Messrs Scott, Wate & Goddard having spoken in favor of it, the following Resolution was unanimously Adopted. —

Moved by Mr Richd Scott. — Seconded by Mr Wate, and Resolved. That the General Rule No 16 shall be suspended (and that this Society shall in future hold four General Meetings in each year, instead of half yearly, as at present, and that such Meetings shall be held on the day after each Term in each year. —

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The Subject of the Equity Exchequer Schedule of Fees having been alluded to, Mr Goddard took Occasion to state that he had several times spoken to Mr Lyle the second Remembrancer on the Subject, without being able to obtain any Satisfactory information on the point - but assured the Meeting that the Subject would not be lost sight of by the Committee who were fully sensible of its importance -

J. J. Dunn

Mr Dunn having left the Chair, it was moved by Mr Ducketo & seconded by Mr Wato that Mr R. Scott do take same, when the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Dunn for his very proper conduct in the Chair -

Solicitors Room.

Wednesday 1st February 1843 -

The O'Loghlen Testimonial Fund.

Meeting held pursuant to adjournment from the 26th of November 1842 - to receive the Report of the Committee appointed to receive Subscriptions for the Above purpose.

Josias Dunn Esq^r in the Chair.

Mr Dunn brought up the Report of the Committee appointed to collect Subscriptions, and which was read by the Secretary, and is as follows -

The Committee beg leave to report to the Subscribers that in pursuance of the Resolution passed at the last Public Meeting of the Profession held in this Room on the 26th day of November last arrangements were entered into, and Collectors appointed to receive Subscriptions throughout Ireland, from such Members of the Profession as reside in the Country, and that the Gentlemen so appointed, have requested that the period for making their Returns may be extended until after the Assizes.

The Committee therefore recommend that such request be acceded to, and they hope that on the first day after next Term, to call a meeting of the subscribers to take such further steps, as may be deemed necessary with regard to the Testimonial -

Committee Room. Solicitors Buildings
1st Feb'y 1843 -

Josias Dunn	Richd Scott	Edw Sandy
Saml Knox	Richd J. T. Osprey	Wills Hill Mureby
Wm Hamilton Roe	John Colburn	Robt Power,
		Edw Sles -

It was moved by Mr Goddard, and seconded by Mr Walker, that the foregoing Report be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes. (which was carried unanimously)

Josias Dunn: Secy.

SOLICITORS ROOM

Wednesday 1st February 1843 -

The first Quarterly Meeting of the Society, held pursuant to Resolution passed at the last half yearly Meeting.

Josias Dunn Esq^r in the Chair,

Advertisement calling the Meeting read by the Secretary.

The Secretary stated that no notification had been given to him of any subject to be brought forward at this meeting, as provided for by the 16th Rule of this Society, except Mr Maynes notice, and which was as follows -

"Mr Pelham Mayne gives notice that he will bring forward at the next General Meeting of this Society, to be held on the 1st day of February next, A Motion on the subject of the late increase of Stamp duty, on the Licenses of Attorneys & Solicitors, with a view of getting rid of so grievous an impost. -

Dated this 23^d day of January 1843. -

Mr Mayne having stated his views, with regard to the foregoing notice, and having requested any Gentleman present of more experience and better qualified than himself to speak to the subject.

Mr Richd Scott addressed the Chair, and intimated his Opinion that the only chance of success, would be by having a communication with the Law Societies of England and Scotland, and then joining with us in a petition to the Legislature to get rid of the Tax, and with that view of the case the matter dropped, and Mr Mayne did not make any specific Motion with reference to it.

Mr Mayne alluded to the Subject of a Communication he had had with the Committee of this Society, requesting their Opinion with reference to the Prisoners Counsel Bill, but as Mr Mayne had not given the usual previous notice, (pursuant to the 16th Rule of the Society) that he would bring forward the subject, no specific Motion was entered into, with respect to it.

Seconded

Mr Goddard having moved, and Mr Scott seconded. That Mr Dunn do leave the Chair, and that Mr Roache be called thereto, The thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Dunn for his very proper and dignified conduct in the Chair this day.

Solicitors Room
Friday 12th May 1843

Josias Dunn Esq^r in the Chair -

The Secretary read from the News Paper, the Advertisement calling the Meeting

The Business of the day pursuant to the Rules of the Society was then gone into -

The Report and Accounts were brought up by the President, which was read to the Meeting by the Secretary, and which is as follows,

Report of The Committee of The Society of Attorneys
and Solicitors of Ireland for the year ending 1st
May 1843 -

In submitting to the Society the Report of their Year of Office, the Committee consider it necessary to advert to such matters in the Report of last Year, as have either been since brought to a conclusion, or are still only in progress.

Your Committee regret, they are not able to state, that all the portions of the Building known as "The Solicitors Buildings" have been made available for the necessary purposes of the Society but are induced to believe, such has been caused more, by there being a deficiency of Apartments, and the present incomplete state of the Buildings, than from any disinclination on the part of the Benchers of the Kings Inns, to facilitate the objects of the Society.

Your Committee on the 25th of May 1842, presented to the Judges of the Courts of Queens Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, a Memorial, respecting the establishment of an uniformity of Practice, in those Courts, to the same effect as

that presented, to their Lordships, on the 5th of January in the same Year. And on the 13th of April last, Your Committee presented a further Memorial in which they referred to the former, but their Lordships have not as yet made any Order upon the subject, which Your Committee Regret, the objects of the Memorial being as they conceive perfectly unobjectionable, and tending to assimilate the practice, and Simplify the proceedings of the Courts without any increase of expense to the Suitor. *is*

Your Committee deeply Regret, that the continued efforts of the Society, to have the Fees of their Profession, allowed in the existing, instead of the late Currency have proved unsuccessful: They had just Reason to expect that when the Profession of Attorney and Solicitor, have yielded to the principle of Assimilation in every Measure, brought forward to equalize the practice of the Irish, with that of the English Courts, wherever such could properly and legally be effected. And in doing so in many instances, sacrificed their Ancient and Established Fees, that their Fees would be made similar to those of their Brethren in England, and that such Assimilation (so fair and just in principle) would not have been, as it is almost the only matter left untouched, by those having the power to make such an Alteration. *is*

The Schedule of Fees for the Equity side of the Court of Chancery is still under the consideration of the Barons, with the Aid of the Second Remembrancer, in the progress of which the Observations and suggestions of Your Committee, have met with every Attention from that Officer, with whom they are still in Communication.

With Respect to the proposed Schedule of Fees, for the Law Courts, now so long before the Judges, Your Committee did not in consequence of the proposed Alterations in the practice of those Courts now pending, urge the Adoption of it by their Lordships, being under the Impression that Alterations in the practice might take place such as to render a totally new Arrangement of Fees necessary.

A Bill upon the principle of that mentioned in last

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years Report, to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Attorneys in England and Wales, having been brought before Parliament this Session by Lord Langdale, Your Committee have been in communication with the Incorporated Law Society of England, on the subject. And made such suggestions in relation to the Measure, as they deemed requisite, but did not press for extending its operation to Ireland, conceiving it more prudent to wait, until it should be ascertained how far its enactments may be applicable to the Profession here.

Your Committee deferred taking any decided step, in relation to the Act known as Lynch's Loan Act, alluded to in the Report of the Committee of last Year, not being cognizant of any mischief having as yet arisen from the operation of that Measure.

Your Committee in common with the whole Profession feel the injustice done them by the increase in the Annual duty upon the Certificates of Solicitors, which notwithstanding a strong Remonstrance made by them to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, they were unable to prevent, it appearing to form a part of a general System of Finance adopted by the government, but in consequence of a suggestion offered to Your Committee at the last Quarterly Meeting of this Society, they had a communication with the Incorporated Law Society of England on the subject of getting rid of the duty, and though they do not expect to succeed at present they recommend to their Successors, not to lose any opportunity which may offer, for their forwarding and accomplishing so desirable an Object.

The fact of individuals not being Attorneys practicing in the names of Members of the Profession without their knowledge, and of unqualified individuals professing to be Attorneys, and practicing as such, having come to the knowledge of Your Committee, they have taken such steps, in relation to the Cases in question as the circumstances enabled them to do.

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And a Complaint of a serious Nature having been made, which Your Committee were called upon to enquire into, and it appearing, that a Person not a Member of the Profession, had taken out Certificates for three several Years, And that during such time he acted as an Attorney, Your Committee made a careful and anxious investigation into the Case, but they regret to state that from the length of time which had elapsed previous to lodging such Complaint, and from want of legal evidence, arising from the death of a public officer, Your Committee were obliged to come to the conclusion, that no effectual proceedings could be adopted to punish the individual in question, on the grounds laid before them, but they feel no doubt, that from the investigation which has taken place, a Repetition to the Mal practices complained of is not likely to occur, as

Your Committee would further instance, that in consequence of another complaint having been made, relative to an individual practising in the Name of a Member of the Profession who had been absent from this Country since the Month of November 1840, an Application was made to the late Master of the Rolls, who was pleased to state that an order would be made, which would effectually put a stop to so flagrant an infringement upon the rights of our Profession, as

Another case of an Individual who in Michaelmas Term 1841, presented a Memorial to the Benchers of the Kings Inns for leave to be bound Apprentice to a Member of the Profession, deserves particular mention, The Benchers admitted him to be bound an Apprentice, but on Your Committee being informed that he had been a process server, an Application was made to the Court of Exchequer that the enrolment of his Indentures should be vacated and the Indentures, cancelled: And their Lordships having referred the matter back to the Benchers for their further Consideration, Your Committee fully expect, that the Report of that body, will now terminate the Application, in such a Manner, as to uphold,

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the Respectability of the Profession. And Your Committee feel pleasure in stating that with a view to prevent a Recurrence of similar Cases an Order has recently been Made by the Benchers, on the Request of the Committee, directing that all persons seeking to be bound Apprentices to Attorneys and Solicitors shall furnish copies of their Affidavits and Petitions, as lodged in the office of the under Treasurer of the Kings Inns, to the Secretary of this Society, three days before the first day of each Term.

Your Committee have to state that an ~~Apprentice~~ having applied to the Lord Chancellor, to be admitted as a Solicitor under special Circumstances, his Lordship declined entertaining the Application, unless upon a Certificate from Your Committee Approving of such admission; In consequence Your Committee reported upon the Circumstances of the Case, and His Lordship was pleased to act upon the Report of Your Committee, and refused the Application.

Several Members of the Society, practitioners at Sessions, having desired to obtain the opinion of Counsel on the Construction of the Act, of the 6th 4th William the IV Cap. 114 entitled an Act "for enabling persons Indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel or Attorney" With a view to ascertain the rights and privileges of their Profession under said Act. Your Committee caused a Case to be laid before eminent Counsel, on which they obtained his opinion, a Copy of which is to be found in the Solicitors Room, for the inspection of Members, And Your Committee also obtained the opinion of the same Counsel on the Construction of the Act of the 9th Geo IV Cap. 25 Entitled "an Act to Authorise the Appointment of persons, to act as Solicitors on behalf of His Majesty in any Court of Judication in Revenue Matters" which opinion And the Case, on which it is given, are in like manner open for the inspection of Members.

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To facilitate Members of the Profession who may be desirous, either of forming partnership, or of procuring professional employment as their own Agents, or in conducting the Business of Solicitors Offices, it has been suggested to Your Committee to have a book kept in the Solicitors Room, for the entry of such Subjects, which they propose to adopt.

Your Committee have now to advert to the Course they pursued, with Reference to the Bill, which was recently brought before Parliament by Lord Eliot and Sir James Graham entitled "A Bill for the better protection of Purchasers, against Judgments, Crown Debts, Lis pendens, and Compositions of Bankruptcy in Ireland, and for Amending the Laws in Ireland respecting Bankrupts, and the Limitation of Actions".

Your Committee had no knowledge of the Bill, until printed by order of the House of Commons, and under such Circumstances were obliged to pursue the only Course open to them, viz, to cause their Observations and Objections to same, to be printed, and circulated generally amongst the leading Members of both Houses of Parliament, and the principal Members of the Government, and the Judges and officers of the several Law departments, both in England and Ireland, and Copies having been laid on the Table of the Solicitors Room, for the information of Members of this Society. Your Committee do not deem it necessary here to go into details, but trust that their Views of the Measure, will meet the Approval of the Government and Legislature, as well as that of the Public at large, who are so deeply interested in it.

Your Committee having perceived the good effect of a Resolution, passed at the Meeting after last Easter Term relative to Arbitrations, and which has been the means of great saving to the Public, consider it advisable to impress upon their Brethren its Adoption wherever practicable.

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With respect to the New Rules and Orders lately promulgated by the Lord Chancellor, with the advice and assistance of the Master of the Rolls, regulating the practice of the Court of Chancery, the Committee thought it their duty as soon as possible to make an application to the Chancellor on the Subject; In consequence of such application his Lordship has been pleased to Intimate, that he intends to instruct the Masters & Registrars of the Court, that they should not consider themselves bound in every instance to give retrospective effect to those Rules, but that in Cases where injury might accrue, they should adopt the former ones, and directions have been given accordingly, and as the Masters have not as yet, agreed upon the Rules to be adopted in their offices, your Committee cannot state with certainty the effect of the operation of the Rules generally.

With a view to the Accommodation both of the Profession and the Public, as to concentrating as much as possible the offices of the Law Department, and in consequence of numerous Complaints made to them of the great inconvenience experienced, from the office of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, being kept in William Street, your Committee caused an application to be made to the Lord Chief Baron to have that office removed to the Four Courts, which they have Reason to expect will be done, when the Board of Works are enabled to appropriate and arrange a suitable Apartment for the purpose, and a similar Observation applies to the offices of the Tacking Officers, which are also situated in a most inconvenient locality, is

Your Committee would conclude by taking this opportunity of impressing upon the Profession at large, the great benefit to be derived from becoming Members of the Society, is

The Solicitors Buildings were erected for the

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use of the Profession and yet many Members of the body have not availed themselves of the various Accomodation, offered,

Were the Funds increased by an addition to the number of its Members it would enable the Committee to direct their attention to many matters, not now within their reach, but which if they could be accomplished would, by adding to the Utility of the Society and the individual Accomodation of the Members greatly enhance the value of the Establishment, and the Committee take leave to say, that while they have been most anxious (as far as the means at their disposal enabled them) to promote the interests of the Profession, yet if any matter appears to have been overlooked, the blame does not attach to the Committee but to those Members of the Profession who by their Apathy or indifference to its interests have not contributed to the Funds of the Society, and thereby deprived the Committee of the means adequate to effect those objects.

The Committee in Account with The Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland, up to 1st May 1843

1843	To Account for News Papers, Periodicals & Supplies	54	4	1843	By balance from last account	72	16	3 1/2
	To Solicitors Room as per A/c	11	8		By Amt of 438 yearly subscriptions at 5s each ending 1st May 1843	438	"	"
	To Amt of Account for Books purchased for Library as per A/c	10	1		By Amt of 17 half yearly subscriptions at 10s each to same time	8	10	"
	To Amt of Acct for Advertising as per A/c	28	8		By Recd from 2 Members arrears of previous year	2	"	"
	To Amt of Acct for printing Stationery as per A/c	54	8		By Recd from 10 Apprentices Members their yearly subscription at 10s each	5	"	"
	To Amt of Petty Cash & Incidentals Expenses as per A/c	44	10		By Recd from 12 Apprentices Members for the half year at 5s to same time	3	"	"
	To Amt of A/c for Law Expenses as per A/c	63	7		By Recd yearly subscription for 255 prepes at 5s each to same time	63	15	"
	To Amt of A/c for Salaries & Wages as per A/c				By Recd from one Member subscription for preps for the half year	2	6	"
	To Amt of deposits repaid Members who surrendered their prepes				By Recd 8 deposits for Keys of Prepes from Members who had taken them for the past time at 5s	2	"	"
	Cash in bank to balance				By Recd for Arbitration Rooms to 1st May 1843 used 129 times during the year	32	5	"
						£ 627	8	9 1/2

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Moved by Terence O'Reilly Esq. - Seconded by Cha. Meares Esq. -
That the Report now read, be adopted, entered on the Minutes, and that same be printed and circulated under the direction of the Committee.

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate five Members (not of the Committee), three of whom to form a quorum to audit the Society's accounts, and report thereon at the General Meeting to be now appointed for the purpose of receiving the scrutators Report of the Ballot for a Committee and which is to commence on the 1st June next. - The following Auditors were then appointed. Mess^{rs} Campion, Johnson, Connor, Bradley and Worrall. -

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate the following 5 Persons to be scrutators of the Ballot along with the President Vice Presidents and Secretary, to take place on the 1st June next viz, Mess^{rs} J. O'Reilly, Boyse, Worrall, O'Brien & Oppinger -

The Chairman then proposed to the meeting that Thursday the 15th day of June next at the house of One O'Clock should be fixed for the Meeting of the Society to receive the Report of the Auditors of the Account, and Scrutators of the Ballot which was appointed accordingly.

Moved by Mr Ford, seconded by Mr O'Reilly and Resolved - That a Petition be presented to the Legislature from the Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland against the Bill introduced into Parliament by Lord Eliot and Sir James Graham respecting judgments &c and entitled "A Bill for the better protection of Purchasers against judgments Crown Debts Lis pendens, and Commissions of Bankruptcy in Ireland, and for amending the Laws in Ireland respecting Bankrupts and the limitation of Actions" - And that the Secretary do write to the Attorney General for Ireland informing him that such petition is in preparation.

Resolved - That the Petition be entrusted to Mr Grogan the Member for Dublin for Presentation to the House. -

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The Secretary then read a notice which had been posted in the Solicitors Room, which was as follows -

Mr Hazlett gives notice that he will at the next General meeting of the Society to be held on Friday the 12th day of May Inst. move that the new outgoing Members of the Committee shall not be ineligible for more than one year, and accordingly that the word "three", be struck out of the 7th Rule (as printed with the last Annual Report), and the word "one" substituted, or that the last clause of the rule be expunged altogether. Dated 2nd May 1843

And Mr Hazlett having moved the subject of said notice, which was seconded by Mr Hemphill - and several members having objected thereto - The Chairman then put the question which was lost on a division.

Mr Dunn having left the Chair and Mr McCredy having been moved thereto, the thanks of the meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Dunn for his very proper and dignified conduct in the Chair this day.

Meeting of the Subscribers to the O'LOGHLEN
Testimonial Fund.

Friday 12th May 1843 -

Josias Dunn Esq^r
in the Chair

The Chairman having brought up the Report of the Committee appointed for the management of the O'loghlen Testimonial Fund, and which was read by the Secretary as follows.

Report of the Committee Appointed to Collect and Receive
Subscriptions towards the O'loghlen Testimonial
Fund.

Your Committee had hoped at this time, to be enabled to Report, that the Fund collected would be sufficient for the purpose of erecting a suitable Testimonial to the Memory of the late respected and universally lamented Master of The Rolls, and that the Subscribers would now be called on to decide as to what same should consist of.

Your Committee are however much disappointed at being obliged to Report that at present the Fund collected is not near sufficient to enable the Profession to erect a Testimonial, creditable to themselves, and worthy the Memory of the estimable and highly talented individual whose loss they in common with the Public have every reason to deplore.

Your Committee would now recommend that the sum collected from 331 Members of the Profession, amounting to upwards of £600 (and which is lying unproductive in the Bank of Ireland) should be invested in such a way, as that it may accumulate, until it is required to be applied to the purposes for which it has been raised.

Your Committee suggest to the Subscribers that they should be authorised to take the necessary steps to ascertain what would be the probable costs of a figure in Marble (of the late Sir Michael Ologhlen) and where it should be placed, and to offer a premium to Artists to furnish designs for the purpose, which will require several Months to prepare, and which they would hope to be able to submit and report on to the Profession in the next Michaelmas Term. —

Your Committee in conclusion would respectfully urge their Brethren to come forward liberally, and testify their sense of the high estimation in which the late Sir Michael Ologhlen was held by them, as well for his upright and impartial conduct on the Bench, as for the Courtesy which he at all times exemplified towards their body.

Mr Ford moved the Adoption of the Report, and that same be entered on the Minutes, which was ^{seconded by Mr Scott} carried unanimously.

Mr Watt moved & Mr O'Reilly seconded, that Mr Macredy do take the Chair when the Thanks of the Meeting were accorded to Mr Drum for his very proper conduct in the Chair —

Solicitors Room
Thursday 1st June 1843

The following Gentlemen were appointed at the General Meeting held on the 12th of May 1843, pursuant to the 15th Rule of this Society, to act as scrutators and preside over the Ballot for a Committee viz Mess^{rs} J. O'Reilly, Payne, Worrall, O'Brien Hopinger together with the President, two Vice Presidents and the Secretary -

The Ballot commenced at 11 o'clock A.M. & terminated at 4 o'clock P.M.

The following Gentlemen attended and presided over the Ballot during the day - viz Mess^{rs} Goddard, Hopinger & Worrall and the Secretary. - 30 Members balloted the first day. -

Friday 2nd June 1843

The Ballot resumed at 11 o'clock, A.M. and terminated at 4 o'clock, P.M. when 33 Members balloted during the day, making a total of 63. -

The following Gent^l presided during the day Mess^{rs} J. O'Reilly, Goddard and the Secretary -

Saturday 3rd June 1843

The Ballot resumed at 11 o'clock, A.M. and terminated finally at 4 o'clock, P.M. when 52 Members balloted during the day, making a total of 115 -

The following Gent^l presided during the day, viz Mess^{rs} Dunn, Goddard, J. O'Reilly, Hopinger and the Secy. and Monday morning the 5th Inst^l at 11 o'clock. Appointed to commence the Scrutiny.

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Monday 5th June 1843

The Scrutiny of the Ballot commenced and proceeded with from 11 o'clock until 6 o'clock in the presence of the following Gentlemen viz Messrs Dunn, J. O'Reilly, Boyse, Worrall, Coppinger and The Secretary, - The certificate ascertaining the result of the Scrutiny, was signed by said Scrutators and handed to the Secretary. The result to be declared to the Public Meeting to be held on Friday the 16th Inst^o for the purpose of receiving same, also the report of the Auditors of the Annual Account. -

Solicitors Room
Friday 16th June 1843

General Meeting of the Society, the day after Term.

This day having^{been} appointed at the General Meeting of the Society held on the 12th of May last. to receive the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot, also of the Auditors of the Annual Account and transact such other Business as may come before it.

Mr Goddard in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Advertisement calling the Meeting and then proceeded to read the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot which was received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes. and which is as follows -

The Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland

Monday 5th day of June 1843, The Scrutiny of the Ballot Commenced.
Report of Josias Dunn, W^m Goddard, Saml Knox, Terence O'Reilly
John Boyse, Jas Worrall, Octavius O'Brien & J^o Coppinger Esq^s
the Scrutators appointed to preside over the Ballot, for a Committee
of this Society.

We the Scrutators in pursuance of the Resolution entered into at the Quarterly Meeting of this Society held on Friday the 12th day of May 1843 in the Solicitors Room, have to Report as follows.

That said Ballot commenced on Thursday last the first day of June Inst^o and was continued until Saturday the 3rd Inst^o having

having remained open from 11 to 4 of each day, and we find the result of the Scouting of said Ballot to be as follows viz

1. ~~Josias Dunn~~ That 115 Members have balloted, and that after striking off such Members of the Outgoing Committee, as the provision of the Rule was applicable to, the under named Gentlemen having the number severally attached to their names are the Committee for the year to terminate on the 1st day of May 1844

	^{no of} votes				
1 Josias Dunn	107	12 Jas Wall	79	22 Wm Cooper	54
2 William Goddard	104	13 Saml Knox	78	23 Terence O'Reilly	36
3 Richd Meade	103	14 Wm Ford	77	24 Theophs D'Sa Touche	35
4 Richd J. T. Orpen	99	15 J ^{no} Orpin	77	25 Robt Pown	32
5 Edw Sandy	97	16 Jno Collum	74	26 Wm Dix	30
6 Arthur Barlow	94	17 Jno P. Keft	74	27 Robt Muddock	30
7 Alex Bato	94	18 Tho Babington	72	28 Robt Warren	30
8 Wm Baily Wallace	89	19 Edw Smith	65	29 Wm Ducketo	29
9 Richd A Walker	88	20 Jno Hazleto	58	30 Edw Seymour	26
10 Wm H Roe	86	21 Mr Franks	57	31 R ^r Mansell	24
11 Keith Hallows	82				

And that the following are the ten names having the next greatest number of votes on the Ballot after the Committee, and as such eligible to fill up any vacancies that may occur on the Committee during the year.

1 Richd Kempshill	23	6 John Vincent	22
2 Robt Smith	23	7 Danl Bastable	21
3 Richd P Tigho	23	8 John Hall	20
4 John Flood	22	9 C. D. Stokes	19
5 John Hare	22	10 Tho Ardill	18

Which we submit as our Report this 7 day of June 1843 -

Jos Dunn
John Boyse
James Worrall
Terence O'Reilly
Joshua Coppinger

The Secretary then read the Annual Account, which had been examined, vouched and found correct by the Auditors appointed for that purpose.

For particulars see same (signed by the Auditors) in the Ledger kept in the Secretarys Office

It was then moved by Mr. Malley & seconded by Mr. Julian & Resolved That the Admission of Attorneys Apprentices to the Law Library would tend to promote an Object most desirable to our Profession viz, The good legal education of the Young men who propose to enter it, And that as Apprentices pay fees on entry as Students, Applications be made to the Benchers of the Honourable Society of the Kings Inns Requesting the Advantages of the Library to be extended to the Apprentices of Attorneys, in the same manner as are given to Students for the Bar. -

Moved by Mr. Malley, Seconded by Mr. Watt. & Resolved - That the Committee be requested to take into their consideration the best means of preventing the inconvenience now thrown upon the Profession of Atty & Solr. of being called upon by the Bar to procure the Books they may require in Court from the Law Library.

Mr. Watt then moved That Mr. Goddard do leave the Chair, and that Mr. Orpen take the same, When the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr. Goddard for his proper conduct in the Chair this day.

Solicitors Room
 Saturday 24th June 1843

Meeting of The Subscribers to
 The O'Loghlin Testimonial
 fund.

Mr Dunn having been called to the Chair

The Secretary read the Requisition calling the Meeting also the proceedings of the last Meeting of the Subscribers to the Testimonial fund.

Mr Campion Requested to know if it was intended that the fund should fructify until it amounted to a sufficient sum for the purpose of a full length figure in Marble.

Mr Johnson Requested leave to read a Resolution prepared by him, which was to the following effect and which was seconded by Mr Malley.

Resolved. That by the Subscribers to the Fund which has been raised by the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland for the purpose of erecting a suitable Testimonial to the Memory of the late Sir Mich^l O'Loghlin Bart late Master of The Rolls, (and which amounts to upwards of £600) that said Fund be now appropriated to the following purposes

1st - That a full length picture in his Robes of that highly gifted and talented personage (who has most justly been pronounced to have been one of the brightest ornaments of the Judicial Bench in this Country) be placed in the Solicitors Room.

2nd - That his Bust to be executed by an Irish Artist in Statuary Marble on a Pedestal with a suitable inscription thereon be placed in the Library.

3rd - That the Residue of the Fund be laid out in forming a Library to be called the "O'Loghlin Library" to be established in the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts Dublin and to be for the sole use and benefit of the Professors being Members of the Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors

of Ireland, and that same be placed under the management and control of the Committee of said Society, and subject to such Rules and Regulations as they shall from time to time make with respect thereto.

And that the Committee appointed for the management of said Fund be and are hereby fully empowered by the Subscribers thereto, to carry such their wishes into immediate effect, and also to make such arrangements as may be necessary for that purpose with the Committee of the Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland, who are also empowered by the Subscribers to said Fund to make such application to the Honble The Benchers of the Kings Inns as may be necessary for having a suitable Apartment procured and fitted up for the purpose.

Mr Mahony then addressed the Meeting and objected to the Resolution just read, as it was in contemplation to remove the Kings Inns Library from Henrietta St to the Four Courts.

Mr Scott opposed Mr Mahony's proposition for joining the Fund subscribed by our Profession to that of the Bar for a joint Testimonial, and thought it better to postpone until November, any decision as to the Appropriation of the Fund,

Mr Orpew seconded Mr Scott's suggestion -

Mr Goddard stated the communication made to him by Mr Ford as to Sir Coleman Ologhley's approval of establishing a Library to be called "The Ologhley Library" - and also expressed his regret at differing with Mr Orpew, and stated his approval of Mr Johnson's suggestion, as embodied in the Resolution just read -

Mr Campion said if now called on, he would support Mr Johnson's proposition, but felt better disposed to support Mr Scott's Motion of Adjournment

Mr Malley recommended Mr Johnson to postpone his Motion until November.

Mr Pike was opposed to the plan of a Library.

Mr Haylett was disposed to support the Amendment of Mr Scott

Mr Scott then proposed a Resolution, which Mr O'Reilly seconded and which was to the following effect

Resolved That the Consideration of the Resolutions now proposed by Mr Johnson be postponed to a General Meeting of the Subscribers to the O'Loghlen Testimonial fund to be held next November, and that the Secy do Cause printed Copies of Mr Johnsons Resolutions to be sent to each Subscriber, prior to such Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Mr Mahony, Seconded by Mr Scott.

Resolved That the several Committees who were appointed, and named in the Circulars addressed to them on the 6th of December last to collect Subscriptions from the Profession throughout the several Counties of Ireland, be again applied to for that purpose, and that they be, and are hereby Authorised and empowered to add to their numbers by appointing other Collectors in their several districts at the forthcoming Assizes and during the ensuing Vacation who are to Report the Result, and make their Returns to the Committee of the Fund, previous to the general Meeting of the Subscribers to be held next Michaelmas Term.

Carried.

Mr Mahony then moved, Seconded by Mr Campion and it was

Resolved That the Committee of the Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors, be requested to open a Communication with the Honble The Benchers of Kings Inns, for the purpose of ascertaining whether they will consent to the Removal of the Library, belonging to the Library Society from Henrietta Street to a Building to be erected in the Yard of the present Four Courts, and that they Report the Result to the adjourned meeting of the Subscribers to the O'Loghlen Fund. And that our Secretary be Requested to Communicate the foregoing Resolution to the Committee of the

Society of Attorneys and Solicitors.

Mr Campion moved, Mr Scott seconded -

That the fund already subscribed be invested in the 3 1/2
New per cent Stock

Mr Scott having moved that Mr Dunn do leave the Chair, and
Mr Sandy do take same -

The Thanks of the meeting were unanimously accorded to
Mr Dunn for his very proper conduct in the Chair this day

Edward Nes. Secretary

Solicitors Room
Monday 27th November 1843.

Meeting of the Subscribers
to the
O'Loghlin
Testimonial Fund.

Mr Goddard moved, Mr Watt seconded that
Mr Dunn
do take the Chair.

The Secretary read the Requisition calling the Meeting (from
the News Paper)

also the proceedings of the last meeting of the Subscribers
held on the 24th June last.

The Secretary reported that the Committee of Management
had carried into effect the several Resolutions passed at the
last Meeting - & also reported that the Trustees of the Fund
had invested £600 in the new 3 1/2 per cent Stock, as appeared by
the Stock Brokers Certificate, of which the following is a Copy.

Bought 10/11 July 1843 -

£300	→	New 3 1/2 Stock @	100.15..	£302.5.0
281		do	@ 100.17.6	291.10.7
581			97 days	5.9.8
			Brokerage	14.9
				£600

Wth Dunn, Wm Goddard & Wm McCredy Esqrs.

Mr Johnson rose and addressed the Chair in support of his original Resolutions (see page 88) - in favor of a Library -

Mr Scott seconded Mr Johnson's three Resolutions.

Mr ^{R. J. J.} O'pew opposed the Library and suggested ^{that} the Fund should not be disposed of until it amounted to a sufficient Sum for a full length figure in the Room.

Mr Campion was of Opinion that each Subscriber who had already contributed would give One pound each in addition to their Subscriptions already paid, and that such a Mode if adopted would produce the sum required for the purpose.

Mr Malley supported Mr Johnson's original Resolutions -

Mr J. R. Symes was in support of the Library & offered to treble his Subscription for a Library, but would not do so for a Statue.

Mr Foley would double his Subscription for a Statue, but not for a Library.

Mr R. A. Walker supported Mr Johnson's Resolutions.

Mr Campion argued that the Fund would be wholly inadequate to the formation of a Library after purchasing a picture & Bust.

Mr Mahony supported Mr Campion's Motion, and opposed the Library.

Mr Wate opposed the Library -

Mr Johnson again urged the adoption of the Resolutions he had proposed.

Mr Copinger supported the Library.

Mr Wate proposed an Amendment, and which was seconded by Mr George Connor - and was to the following effect.

Resolved. That we protest against any Appropriation of the funds subscribed towards "The O'Loghlen Testimonial Fund" except in the erection of a full length Marble Statue to the Memory of the late Sir Mich^l O'Loghlen.

The Amendment having been put by the Chair, and a division having taken place, was carried by a large Majority.

It was further Resolved. That the Trustees do have the Power of investing the Additional Subscriptions in the New 3 1/2 per Cent Stock, as the same shall amount to £50.

Several members having proposed to add to their former subscriptions a further list was immediately opened & £125. 18. 0 was subscribed in the Room before the meeting separated.

Note
But not paid
E. J. M.

The thanks of the meeting were unanimously voted to Mr Dunn, and he was requested to continue in the Chair until the business of the Quarterly Meeting of The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland was disposed of.

Solicitors Room

The Quarterly Meeting of the Society of The
Attorneys and Solicitors
Ireland

Monday 27th November 1843.

Mr Dunn in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Advertisement calling the Meeting also. The Resolutions passed at the last Quarterly Meeting held on the 16th June last. & with Reference to same.

The Secretary read letter from the Under Treasurer of the Kings Inns dated 3rd Nov^r. 1843. Stating "that Apprentices of Attorneys are not admissible to the Library in Henrietta Street during their Apprenticeship, and that there was not any intention on part of the Benchers to remove their Library in Henrietta Street to any other Situation. -

And with Reference to the other Resolution passed at said Meeting on the subject of having Porters Appointed for the ^{Room} Library to attend on the several Courts.

The Secretary reported that an Application had been made to the Father of the Bar on the subject who had replied on the 30th of June last, stating "that it was not within his duty as Father of the Bar to convene a Meeting of that body, except only upon the requisition of Members of the Bar. -

Mr Mahony and several other Members recommended that the Committee of this Society should have a communication with the Committee of the Bar Library on the subject which was approved of by the meeting.

The Secretary stated that the only notice given to him of any subject to be brought under the consideration of the meeting had been given by Mr Pike, and which was to reduce the subscription to this Society from £1. to Ten Shillings, and Mr Pike not having attended the meeting, it was considered a dropped notice.

Mr Mahony requested leave to submit to the meeting a statement of what took place on a late occasion in the Court of Queens Bench, with reference to the observations made by Mr Brewster in commenting on a letter which had been addressed to the Clerk of the Crown by the Attorneys concerned for the Traversers in the case of The Queen agt O'Connell & others.

Mr Goddard requested to know from Mr Mahony whether he had any resolution to propose on the subject, and that gentleman having replied in the negative, it was then suggested that it might be desirable to read a correspondence which had taken place on the subject, between the Committee of this Society, and Mr Brewster, which course having been adopted, the Secretary read the following letters.

Sir

18 Nov. 1843

I am directed to transmit to you a copy of a Resolution this day entered into at a meeting of the Committee of the Society of the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland. I have the honor to be Sir

Yours &c

Abraham Brewster Esq.

Edw. Mes Secy

(copy preserved).

It having been stated to this Committee that in the progress of a case in the Court of Queens Bench on the 15th Inst, Mr Brewster in observing upon a letter written by four Attorneys to the Officer of the Court designated the letter as contrived and concocted to entrap the Officer & when remonstrated with by

the Attorneys concerned, neither qualified nor retracted his observations
tho' afterwards when a Barrister avowed that the letter was written
with the knowledge of the Co^l in the case, Mr Brewster immediately
exculpated the Gentlemen of the Bar from being concerned in any
thing of the kind, but which exculpation does not appear to
have extended to the Attorneys.

Resolved. That Mr Brewster be requested to state whether in the
observations he so made, or in omitting to exculpate the
attorneys, as well as the Gentlemen of the Bar, he
intended to cast a stigma on our Profession, or to draw
any distinction between the Professional Opertion of a
Barrister and a Solicitor.

21 Nov^r. 1843

Merion Square I.

Sir

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
containing a copy of a Resolution of the Law Society relative
to certain proceedings in the Queens Bench on the 15th Inst.

I may be allowed to say that I cannot but feel
surprised that your Committee should have felt it necessary
to adopt such a Resolution, because having the pleasure of
numbering a large proportion of your Members, amongst my
personal Friends, I should have hoped they would have
disclaimed on my part any such intention as that suggested
by the Resolution, and I own I feel disappointed that they
did not at once repudiate as strongly as I do, the idea, that I
intended to cast a stigma on their Profession, or to draw
any distinction between the Professional Opertion of a
Barrister and a Solicitor. I have the honor to be

Your Obed^t Serv^t

Edw^d Hles Esq^r &c

A Brewster

The following Gentlemen whose names had been connected
with the transaction then addressed the Meeting, viz, Mess^{rs}
Mahony, Ford, Cantwell & Gartlaw, and considerable discussion
having taken place in which Mess^{rs} A. French, J. R. Symes, Watt
Swift, Scott, Dolan, Ellis, Campion & Goddard took a part, the
following

following Resolution was proposed by Mr French & seconded by Mr Gibson.
That the letter of Mr Brewster to the Committee of the Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland in reference to the late transaction in the Court of Queen's Bench, be received and considered satisfactory to the feelings of the Profession.

An Amendment was proposed by Mr Falles & seconded by Mr Dolson, and which was finally withdrawn -
When the Original Resolution was carried by a considerable majority.

It was then moved by Mr Scott & seconded by Mr O'Beirne. & Resolved. That the thanks of this Meeting be given to ~~the~~ Messrs Mahony, Ford, Cantwell, O'Reilly & Hartman, for the manner in which they have brought this Subject under the consideration of this Meeting.

It was moved by Mr Sampson and seconded by Mr O'Beirne That the proceedings of this day be published in the Saunders, Freeman, Mail, Post & Packet Newspapers.

J. D. - Chairman -

It was moved by Mr Geo. Connor & seconded by Mr Watt That Mr Dunn do leave the Chair & that Mr Goddard do take same.

It was then moved by Mr Ellis and Resolved -

That the marked thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr Dunn for his Conduct in the Chair, and for the Interest manifested by him at all times in upholding the respectability and furthering the Interests of our Profession.

Solicitors Room
 The Quarterly Meeting of The Society of
 The Attorneys & Solicitors
 of
 Ireland

Thursday 1st February 1844.

Moved by Mr O'Hara, seconded by Mr Maguire, That
 Mr Tandy
 do take the Chair.

The Secretary read the Advertisement calling the Meeting, and The Chairman stated that this was not the usual Meeting for laying before the Society any Report of the Proceedings of The Committee, and as no notice had been given by any Member of bringing forward any subject at the present Meeting he would be happy to answer any question that might be put to him relative to any subject which any Member would wish to be brought under the consideration of The Committee, and wished to submit to them a Communication which had been made from Mr Fras Morgan Sol^r complaining of the Interference of Scriveners and other unqualified and unlicensed persons who prepare Deeds and other Documents and which the Committee considered was an infringement on the Rights of their Profession, and Recommended to the Meeting that a Resolution should be prepared and published on the subject.

It was moved by Mr Hines & seconded by Mr Neal John O'Neill as follows.

"It having been represented to this Society that Scriveners House and Land Agents, and other unlicensed and unqualified persons, are in the habit of drawing & engrossing Deeds, and other documents, and charging for same.

Resolved. That this Society will use its best endeavours to discover and have prosecuted all persons pursuing such practice,
 and

and make every exertion to discountenance same.

It was resolved that the foregoing Resolutions be published in the Saunders and Freeman newspapers of tomorrow.

With reference to the Annual Certificate or license for Attorneys, Mr Aines wished to know if The Committee had taken any steps to get rid of so heavy a Tax, when the Chairman informed him that every exertion which had been made by the Committee had proved ineffectual, and referred to a letter on the subject, which had been written so far back as the 23rd of April 1842, to the Chancellor of Her Majesty's Exchequer, copies of which had also been sent to Lord Eliot Chief Secretary for Ireland, also to John Young Esq^r one of the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury - and which letter the Secretary read to the meeting - and with reference to the same subject a letter was addressed on the 16th of Feb^y 1843 to the Committee of the Incorporated Law Society with a view to ascertain whether or not they considered a joint Petition to Parliament on the subject would be attended with a beneficial result, but which the Committee of the Incorporated Law Society by their answer of the 23rd of March 1843 stated that they did not then see any prospect of success.

Mr J. J. Aines intimated his intention of bringing forward at the next Meeting of this Society which will be held in May next, a Motion on the subject of Re-modelling this Society, and recommended to the Committee the consideration of it in the mean time, and also the doubling the number of its members by reducing the subscription to Ten Shilling -

Mr Aines also complained of the expenditure of the Society in the Salaries paid to its Officers

Mr G. D. Fottrell suggested to the consideration of the Committee, admitting Country Members at a reduced rate of subscription, as they merely remained in Dublin during Term time.

It was suggested that the subscription of Town Members who paid the £12 certificate should be £1. 10. 0, and Country

Members who only paid the £8 certificate, should be admitted Members on payment of £1. -

It was also recommended to the Committee that means should be adopted to prevent members whose subscriptions were in arrear, having the same benefit of the Room as members who paid regularly.

Edw. Jandy Chm

Mr Fottrell moved & Mr H. J. O'Neill seconded that Mr Jandy do leave the Chair - and that Mr Haylett do take the Chair when the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Jandy for his very proper conduct in the Chair this day.

Solicitors Room

The General Quarterly Meeting of The Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland to receive the Annual Report for

Thursday 9th May 1844.

Mr Hallows moved - & Mr Flood seconded that Mr Goddard take the Chair

Meeting held pursuant to the 17th Rule of the Society -

The Advertisement calling the Meeting read by Secretary.

The Chairman proposed that the Annual Report be read without any interruption or observation made on it, and that afterwards any member would be at liberty to offer any observations he thought proper with regard to it, which suggestion of the Chairman met with the approval of the Meeting.

The Reporters of the Press were requested to know if they would be permitted to attend the Meeting -
The Chairman put the Question which was carried in favor of their doing so.

The report having been read Mr Ford Objected as to that part of the Report, which expressed The regret of The Committee as to the course adopted by the Court of Exchequer, with reference to the case of the dismissed Procep Sewer who had been Admitted to be bound as an apprentice to a Member of the Profession

Mr J T Ninds moved that the word "regret" be struck out of the Paragraph in question - and the Question being put on the Amendment it was carried tho' not unanimously -

It was then moved that the Report be received adopted and entered on the Minutes, and which is as follows. -

Report of The Committee of The Society of
The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland for the
Year ending 1st May 1841. -

Before entering on the proceedings of your Committee during their Year of Office (being the third of your Society) they deem it advisable to advert in the first Instance to the several Matters mentioned in the Report of last year as being then in progress but not concluded.

First - With respect to the measure brought forward in the last Session of Parliament by Lord Eliot and Sir James Graham entitled a Bill "for the better protection of Purchasers against Judgments, Crown debts, Lis pendens, and Commissions of Bankruptcy in Ireland and for amending the Laws in Ireland respecting Bankrupts and Limitations of Actions." Your Committee following up the course recommended by their predecessors caused a Petition to be presented to Parliament embodying their views on the subject, and praying that said Bill should not pass into a Law in its then form or that

if such a Bill was considered to be at all necessary, that it might be referred to a Select Committee of the House, where your Committee could be heard with regard to its principles and details.

The Petition was presented to the House by Mr. Grogan and your Committee have the satisfaction to state that the Bill was withdrawn and your Committee take this opportunity of expressing their best acknowledgements to the several Members of Parliament who advocated the views of the Profession.

A Bill having been introduced into Parliament for the amendment of the proceedings and practice of the Equity side of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland. Your Committee gave it their best consideration, and finding that several of its enactments were nearly similar to those contained in the Bill for the amendment of the practice of the Court of Chancery they merely suggested that the Act of the 28th of Geo: III. Cap. 35, for the better securing of Purchasers, under decrees in Courts of Equity should be exempted from its operation, or that the proposed Act should provide for the substitution of service of Decrees and Process, — and having taken such measures as they deemed advisable for having amendments introduced into the Bill, they were accordingly adopted.

And your Committee have further to Report that during the last Session of Parliament a Bill was introduced into the House of Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Lord Elvot, entitled, "a Bill to regulate and reduce the expences of the Offices attached to the superior Courts of Common Law in Ireland," to the consideration of which measure your Committee devoted much time and sent a deputation to London to watch its progress, as they felt that the Interests of the Profession as well as of the Public were deeply involved by its provisions and they have the gratification to state that the result of the Mission proved satisfactory.

The Bill was subsequently withdrawn and should any Bill of a similar nature be again introduced your Committee recommend to their successors to carefully watch the progress of so important a measure.

The Committee have still to express their regret that no reply has been given to the several Memorial presented to the Judges of the Law Courts for an assimilation of the practice as referred to in the last annual Report.

With regard to the Schedule of Fees for the Equity side of the Court

Court of Exchequer. Your Committee after interviews with the Lord Chief Baron, and the then Second Remembrancer obtained several modifications of the draft as furnished to your Committee from the Remembrancers Office, and have to acknowledge the courtesy with which the Lord Chief Baron and the Remembrancer received the deputation:— But your Committee feel obliged to state that they consider the Schedule sanctioned by the Court is in many respects objectionable, as not affording a just or reasonable remuneration for the duties performed by the Profession.

With respect to the recent orders and Schedule of Fees for the Court of Chancery, your Committee have to state that having been informed in the month of November last, that a new Schedule of Fees was contemplated they addressed a letter to the Lord Chancellor and to the Master of the Rolls requesting a Copy of such Schedule previous to its adoption, and your Committee received a reply to their letter, as follows.

Sir.— Four Courts 17th November 1843

I am directed by the Lord Chancellor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant, and to inform you that no final report has yet been made. The Lord Chancellor and the Master of the Rolls will in due time consider the request of the Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors, to have a Copy of the Schedule given to them previous to its adoption being finally decided.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Henry Sugden Secretary

To Edward Hes Esq. Secretary to the Society of
the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland

Your Committee feeling that they had not made an unreasonable request in their letter, but on the contrary, one which it was their duty to make on behalf of their Profession whose interests were committed to their care, (and one which had been complied with by the Court of Exchequer), cannot help expressing their regret and surprise that the only further communication they should have received on the subject was a letter from the Lord Chancellor's Secretary, dated the 18th of April (the very day upon which the last Schedule was signed) as follows

Secretary's Office, Four Courts, Dublin 18th April 1844

Sir.— I am directed to inform you that the Lord Chancellor and the Master of the Rolls have signed the new Schedule of Fees.

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They have had the advantage of having before them the Schedule of Fees adopted by the Court of Exchequer, and have not taken any step except upon the Report of the four Masters of the Courts, with which they fully concur under these circumstances they did not think it necessary to trouble you upon the subject. I have the honor to be Sir

To Edward Nes Esq; Secretary to the Society
of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland } Your Obedient Servant
Henry Sugden Secretary

Your Committee have now the Schedule under consideration and therefore refrain from entering into any details, - But they cannot avoid expressing their surpris that Fees to which the Profession have been entitled from time immemorial have been taken from them, and others reduced without not only any adequate reason being assigned, but contrary to reasons given in a former Schedule for their being allowed, and without the slightest previous communication to the Profession on a subject in which they are so deeply interested, or affording them an opportunity of making any remonstrance or offering any explanation, and thus widening still more the distinction between the remuneration given to the profession in England, and that accorded for the performance of the same duties here

Your Committee cannot avoid observing (although they presume that the attention of the Profession may have been drawn to the circumstances) that during the recent assizes a case occurred before the Lord Chief Baron on the construction of the Prisoners Counsel Act of the 6th and 7th W^m IV Cap: 114, and ^{was} His Lordship permitted an Attorney to address a Jury, conceiving that the Prisoner was entitled to the benefit of a "full defence," The Bar however protested against it and the Lord Chief Baron reserved the matter for the decision of the twelve Judges which it is hoped will establish a right so important to the Profession.

In consequence of an application made to the Lord Chief Baron, to have the office of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer removed from its very inconvenient locality, to the Four Courts, Your Committee have the pleasure of stating, that such removal has taken place, and they trust that their application for the removal of the Law Taxing Officers, will also be successful, the advantage of concentrating as far as practicable, the offices connected with the Law department being self evident

A question having arisen as to the necessity of having a ten shilling stamp on the Memorial of an Assignment of a Judgment and

the Law Taxing Officers having refused to allow such on Taxation although the Officers of the Court required the Stamp to be affixed, — your Committee had several interviews with the proper Officers on the subject, but without succeeding in having the point settled. However in consequence of the subject having been brought under the consideration of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas their Lordships it is understood expressed a desire that the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown should be taken on the point.

The very special case alluded to in the Report of last year of an individual who (being a dismissed Procefs Server) had been admitted by the Benchers of the Kings Inns, to be bound Apprentice to an Attorney, requires to be particularly noticed.

The Court of Exchequer having referred to the Benchers to Report on what grounds they approved of the person in question being bound and wishing to be informed whether the attention of the Benchers had been directed to the circumstances relating to such dismissal from the office of Procefs server, and a Report having been made by the standing Committee of the Benchers unfavorable to such admission yet a special Meeting of the Benchers was called and the case discussed before them upon which occasion Counsel was employed by your Committee, but your Committee have to report that notwithstanding their strenuous opposition in every stage the Judges of the Court of Exchequer, acting as your Committee presume on the decision of the Benchers, thought fit to refuse the application that the enrolment of the Indentures of the individual in question should be vacated, and the Indentures set aside.

Your Committee being called upon to investigate a complaint of a very serious and novel nature, namely that of an individual who had never served an Apprenticeship or been bound having fraudulently obtained admission as an Attorney of the Court of Common Pleas and a Solicitor of the Court of Chancery on fabricated documents, made a representation on the subject to the Lord Chancellor, and to the Chief Judges of the respective Courts and the Lord Chancellor, through his Secretary intimated to your Committee that he would feel no difficulty in striking the party off the Roll, but that he would wish to act in concert with the other Courts, considering that such a fraud ought not to be lightly passed over, but as yet no final decision has been announced to your Committee by the Lord Chief Justice of the Common

Common Pleas, and Lord Chief Baron to whom similar representations, as had been submitted to the Lord Chancellor, were forwarded.

An application of a very unprecedented description was lately made to the Court of Exchequer, (of which notice had been given to your Committee), by a Barrister to be admitted an Attorney without having served an apprenticeship or even been bound an Apprentice, which Your Committee felt it their imperative duty to oppose, considering it a very serious infringement on the rights of their Profession, the application was refused.

Your Committee being desirous that Apprentices to Attorneys should be admissible to the Library in Newcetto Street, caused an application to be made to the Benchers upon the subject to which they received a negative reply.

Your Committee also caused a Memorial to be presented to the Benchers, to obtain a suitable Room in the New Building adjoining the Solicitors Room, for the purpose of a Library for the use of the Society, which would form a most valuable and important addition to their establishment and although their Memorial was presented in November last the only reply that has been as yet received, is that the Memorial in question has been referred to, "the Buildings Committee of the Benchers," it is hoped that they will be found favorable to the granting of the Apartment in question and also to have some alterations and additions made in the Solicitors Buildings, the want of which has been attended with very considerable inconvenience,

Your Committee have to state that a complaint against a Member of their Profession having been made to the Lord Chancellor his Lordship was pleased to refer same to your Committee, who after the most minute investigation of the charges, ascertained that they were perfectly groundless which they Reported to his Lordship who was pleased to express his full concurrence in the Report of your Committee, and to approve of the conclusion at which they had arrived

Your Committee also brought before the Justice of the Lord Chancellor a question which arose in relation to fees demanded by a Commissioner in England, for taking Affidavits for the Irish Court of Chancery and your Committee understand that his Lordship has adopted such measures as will set the question at rest for the future.

A complaint having been made with regard to Serjeants and other unqualified persons preparing Deeds and other Documents and charging therefor as Members of the Profession your Committee came

to a resolution which was subsequently adopted at the last quarterly Meeting of the Society and printed and extensively published, condemning of such practice and that this Society would use its best endeavours to discover and ~~discover~~ prosecute all persons guilty of such practices. Your Committee trust ^{that} the Profession at large will aid them in putting an end to so objectionable a system, injurious not only to the practitioner, but also to the Public, who in some instances have been obliged to pay double the amount to which a Professional Man would be entitled to.

An advertisement having appeared in the Times Newspaper with the name of a Solicitor attached to it, and headed as follows: "To Solicitors, Merchants, Shopkeepers, and others, Debts recovered in Ireland, without costs," and stating that a Solicitor in Dublin of 20 years standing, was desirous of annexing to his practice the English corresponding or agency business and would undertake the recovery of all kinds of Debts in Ireland, on terms unusually advantageous, and in case of failure no charge for costs.

Your Committee came to the determination of bringing forward the matter at a General Meeting of the Profession and intimated such intention to the gentleman in question, who replied by letter to Your Committee that he was satisfied the advertisement was highly improper, and calculated to lower the respectability of the Profession. Your Committee therefore did not feel called upon to take any further notice of the subject, and trust that occasion will not again occur for calling their attention to complaints of a similar nature.

Your Committee think it right to make generally known to the Profession, the order made by the Benchers of the King's Inns on the 23rd of January, 1843, requiring all persons seeking to be bound Apprentices to furnish duplicate copies of the Documents lodged by them at the King's Inns, to the Secretary of this Society three days before the first day of each Term and that such order has been attended with very beneficial results.

The attention of Your Committee has been called to the circumstances that in many instances Apprentices are bound to Attorneys who reside in the Country and seldom come to Dublin, and which Apprentices are necessarily instructed by the Town Agent or correspondent of his Master, to whom he is not bound, in consequence of

of which a difficulty arises as to making the Affidavit prescribed previous to his being admitted a Member of the Profession.

Your Committee are of opinion that this is a subject which requires some deliberation, and not being at present prepared to offer their recommendation with respect to it they are obliged to leave it for the mature consideration of their Successors.

With a view to the further accommodation of Country Members who only come to Dublin during Term time. - Your Committee have added several Provincial Newspapers to those already supplied to the Solicitors Room.

Your Committee on the part of the Society have to acknowledge several presentations of Books for the use of the Library of the Society especially from Mr. Pike, Mr. Tandy and Mr. Wallace. Members of the Society, and from Mr. James F. Ferguson, Author of the recent work upon the limitation of Actions Bill intended for Ireland.

Your Committee have been engaged in the consideration of several other matters, of very vital importance to the Society, and to their Profession, but as they are not yet concluded they deem it advisable to avoid entering into any detail respecting them.

The Committee appointed by the Profession for the management of the Fund for erecting a suitable Testimonial to the Memory of the late Sir Michl. O'Loghlen, Baronet, being desirous that same should be immediately carried into effect, have communicated such desire to the Committee of this Society accompanied by a request that they will announce same to the Profession through the medium of their Annual Report, and call on such Members as have not yet come forward on the occasion and are desirous of doing so, to pay in their Subscriptions forthwith before the subscription list is closed and the names of the subscribers published.

In conclusion Your Committee recommend to their Brethren of the Profession, the conveniences and other advantages derived from being Members of this Society, and making their appointments to meet and transact business at the Solicitors Room in preference to the Hall of the Four Courts, where they cannot have the requisite accommodation, and are exposed to constant interruption, and they would beg leave to direct the attention of Members of the Society to the rules established for its management and government and recommend a strict observance of them as in several instances
complaints

complaints have been made of Gentlemen frequenting the
Solicitors Room whose Subscriptions are in arrears

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Law Courts, Dublin

9th May 1844 c^d

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Mr Walker proposed several Resolutions with reference to the recent Schedule of Fees for the Court of Chancery, and which Mr J. O'Reilly seconded.

After some discussion Mr J. Hinds proposed a resolution which was seconded by Mr Ford, and which it was recommended should form the first Resolution and that the others which had been proposed by Mr Walker should follow same. Vizts -

- 1 Resolved That this Society protest most strongly against the arbitrary and ex parte decisions of the Chancellor and Master of the Rolls upon the subject of Professional remuneration, at a time when the Profession is taxed on a level with their English Brethren.
- 2 Resolved That the duties of Solicitors in this country, are similar to those of their Brethren in England, and there is no allegation that the latter are overpaid, altho' their fees are much above those of the Profession in this country.
- 3 Resolved That no sufficient ground exists for the recent reduction in the fees and remuneration of the Solicitors of Ireland.
- 4 Resolved That the Committee do immediately represent to the Lord Chancellor and Master of the Rolls, the feeling of the Profession of the injustice done to them by the recent Schedule of Fees.
- 5 Resolved That the Committee now sitting be directed to prepare a Petition to Parliament, in pursuance of the foregoing Resolutions.
- 6 Resolved That the foregoing Resolutions be published in the Dublin Morning Papers.

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate five Members (not of the Committee) three of whom to form a quorum to audit the Society's Accounts, and report thereon at the General Meeting to be ^{held on 13 June next} now appointed, for the purpose of receiving the Scrutators Report of the Ballot for a Committee, and which is to commence on the

the 1st June next. The following Auditors were then appointed
 Oliver A Tibbando Pelham Mayne
 Edwin Battusly Jos^h Scott Moore &
 Chas Croker King Esq's. -

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate five Members of the Society to be scrutators of the Ballot, along with the President, Vice Presidents, and Secretary to take place on the 1st June next viz

Wm J. Kent Arthur French
 Edwin Summons Chas Whitton, and
 John Hall Esq's. -

The Chairman then proposed to the Meeting that Thursday the 13th June next at the hour of 2 O'clock (being the usual meeting day) should be fixed for the meeting of the Society to receive the Report of the Auditors of the Account and Scrutators of the Ballot, which was appointed accordingly.

Mr O'Kea then moved that Mr Goddard do leave the Chair and that Mr Scanlan do take same, which was moved by Mr Dillon & seconded by Mr Dolan

That the marked thanks of this Meeting be and the same are hereby given to Mr Goddard for his Conduct in the Chair this day, and for the interest at all time evinced by him, for the good of his profession -
 Carried unanimously

Solicitors Room
Thursday 13th June 1844.

General Meeting of the Society, the day after Term.

This day having been Appointed at the General Meeting of the Society held on the 9th of May ult., to receive the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot, also of the Auditors of the Annual Account,

Mr Goddard in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Advertisement calling the Meeting and then proceeded to read the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot which was received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes. - Which is as follows -

The Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors
of Ireland

Report of Josias Dunn, William Goddard, Edward Sandy, W^m. J. Kent, Edward Simmonds, Arthur French, Charles Whittow and John Hall Esqrs the Scrutators appointed to preside over the Ballot for a Committee of this Society.

We the Scrutators appointed to preside over the Ballot for a Committee of this Society, at their Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday the 9th day of May ult. in the Solicitors Room have to report as follows.

That said Ballot commenced on Saturday the 1st day of June Inst., and was continued until Tuesday the 4th Inst. having remained open from 11 to 4 O'Clock each day, and we find the result of the Scrutiny of said Ballot, to be as follows. viz.

That 86 Members have balloted, and that after striking off such Members of the outgoing Committee, as the provision of the rule was applicable to, the under named Gentlemen having the numbers severally attached to their names, are the Committee for the current year.

		No. of Votes		No. of Votes	
1	Josias Dunn	80	17	John Flood	54
2	William Goddard	80	18	John Haylett	54
3	Rich ^d Meade	76	19	John Phipps	54
4	Rich ^d J. T. Orpen	74	20	Wm. A. Roe's	54
5	Edw ^d . Tandy	72	21	Robt Warren	54
6	Wm ^d B. Wallace	70	22	Edw ^d Reeves	31
7	Tho ^s . Babington	69	23	Geo. Armstrong	17
8	Alex ^r Bate	67	24	Wellesley P. Fletcher	17
9	John Collins	65	25	O. A. Tebeardo	15
10	John Tho ^s Kiff	65	26	Alex ^r Dudgeon	14
11	J. Digges La Touche	63	27	Tho ^s . Ardill	13
12	Arthur Paulow	61	28	Tho ^s . Franks	13
13	Rich ^d A. Walker	61	29	Chas. Goupsen	12
14	Wm ^d Duckett	58	30	Hy. Hope Sweny	12
15	Robt Power	58	31	William Gibson	11
16	Keith Hallows	57			

And that the following are the ten names having the next greatest number of votes on the Ballot after the Committee, and as such eligible to fill up any vacancies that may occur on the Committee during the year.

No.	Name	No. of Votes	No.	Name	No. of Votes
	J. M. Cantwell	10		John Dickinson	8
	R. W. Cherry	10		Isaac Ogle Glenroy	8
	Mat ^r . Anderson	9		John Hall	8
	Mundock Green	9		Theob ^d . Billing	7
	Edw ^d . Lloyd	9		John C. Roache	7

which we submit as our Report this Sixth day of June 1844.

William Goddard
E. Simmonds
Arthur French

John Hall
Edward Hes.

The Secretary then read the Annual Account, which had been examined Vouched and found Correct by the Auditors Appointed for that Purpose.

For Particulars see same signed by the Auditors in the Paper kept in the Secretarys Office -

The following Notices having been posted in the Room pursuant to the Rule of the Society, were moved as follows -

(Copy Mr O'Reillys Notice)

Mr Terence O'Reilly gives Notice that he will at the next Meeting of the Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland to be held on Thursday the 13 day of June inst, move that the 7th Standing Rule of the Society be varied, by inserting therein the word "one" instead of "three" Years, so that it may be competent for any after. Outgoing Committee to be Re-elected in one year, instead of 3 years, as the Rule now stands - Dated this 3rd day of June 1844 -

Which having been moved by Mr O'Reilly & seconded by Mr La Touche.

Mr Foley objected to the Resolution, on similar grounds to those formerly offered when the Subject was brought forward at the Meeting held on the 12th May 1843 -

Mr Aines followed on the same side, and it was finally decided that the Subject should be postponed to the next General Meeting. -

Copy Resolution posted in the Socy Room -

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The following Resolution was passed by the General Committee of this Society at their Meeting on Wednesday the 27th May 1844 and same directed to be posted in the Solicitors Room for the information of Members. Monday 3 June 1844

Resolved - That the meetings of The Attorneys & Solicitors in their Room, being solely for the Consideration & discussion of Professional Subjects, It is the Opinion of the Committee that the Admission of Reporters at such Meetings is not

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calculated to advance the interests of the Profession
and that the Recommendation of the Committee to
discontinue the Admission of Reporters at the future
Meetings of the Society be submitted for Adoption at the
next General Meeting, and that any Publication of the
Proceedings be confined to the Resolutions passed at
such Meetings, when it shall be the Opinion of the
Meeting that such Resolutions should be published.

Mr Foley and Mr Aines both opposed the Resolution recommended
by the Committee. — Mr Pike then Addressed the Meeting
and in consequence of his introduction of Politics, Mr Sandy
rose to call Mr Pike to order, and that Gentleman having
explained, concluded by opposing the Resolution. —

It was put from the Chair as an Amendment, that
the Resolution be set aside - or the Consideration of it
postponed for a future meeting, but on a division the
Amendment was lost, and the original Resolution carried.

Mr Scott then gave notice that he would bring forward at
the next General Meeting to be held after next Michaelmas
Term, a Motion of which he gave the following Notice.

" Notice by Mr Scott That he will at the next Meeting of the
Profession at next Michael Term move, That the
Resolution now Carried, namely to exclude Reporters
be rescinded in consequence of no regular or sufficient
notice being given of it to the Profession. —

Richd Scott. —

Mr Orpen then Addressed the Meeting on the Subject
of the Resolutions passed at the last General Meeting of the
Society, and was about to propose a Resolution, when some
was objected to, in consequence of no Notice having been
posted of it, in the Solicitors Room. —

Mr Walker then moved as follows —

Resolved That this Meeting be adjourned to the 24th inst^o for the
Special purpose of taking into Consideration the Resolutions of
the last general Meeting. R. A. Walker.

which having been seconded by Mr. Roe was passed & carried.

The following notices of Resolutions to be brought forward at such adjourned meeting were then handed in and same directed to be posted in the Solicitors Room.

Resolved That the Resolutions passed at the last quarterly meeting of this Society were brought forward unexpectedly and without any previous intimation -

not

I give notice that I will move the above resolution at the next meeting on the 24th Inst.

13 June 1844 - Richd J Theo Cooper -

Resolved That a considerable number of the Members present at the last quarterly meeting of this Society did not coincide in the first and fifth resolutions passed on that occasion or in the resolution for publishing them.

not

I give notice that I will move the above resolution at the next general meeting on the 24th day of June inst.

13th June 1844 - Wm B Wallace -

Resolved That the statement contained in the newspapers that the 1st & 5th Resolutions proposed at the last quarterly meeting of the Society, "passed unanimously" was made by mistake. -

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I give notice that I will move the above resolution at the next general meeting on the 24th of June inst. -

(Dated 13 June 1844 - John Orpin. -

Resolved That it is the opinion of this meeting that the 1st & 5th Resolutions passed at the last quarterly meeting of this Society were unjustifiable and ought not to have been passed. -

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I give notice that I will move the above resolution at the next meeting on the 24th Inst. -

13 June 1844. Alex. R. Bate -

Resolved That the foregoing several Resolutions be published and a copy of them respectfully sent by our Chairman

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Chairman to the Lord Chancellor, and the Master of
The Rolls -

I give notice that I will move the foregoing
Resolution on the 24 June 1844

"Digges La Touche"

Mr O'Brien then moved that Mr O'Keefe do take the Chair
which having been duly seconded, the thanks of the
Meeting were voted to Mr Goddard for his very proper and
dignified Conduct in the Chair.

Solicitors Room
Monday 24th June 1844

On the motion of Mr Duckett seconded by Mr Furlong
Mr Goddard was called to the Chair
Mr Goddard in the Chair

The Secretary commenced the proceedings of the Meeting
by reading the Requisition published in the Morning papers
which was as follows -

"The Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland.
A General extraordinary Meeting of this Society will take place
on this day (Monday) the 24th day of June inst. at the Solrs Room
Four Courts Dublin pursuant to Adjournment, & also in compliance
with a Requisition very numerously signed & addressed to the
Committee requesting them to convene same. The Chair
to be taken at one O'clock precisely. By order
Solrs Buildings. Four Courts Edwd Hles Secy
June 24th 1844

Mr Ford having called for the production of the Requisition
which had been published calling the Meeting requested
it to be read, which having been done same was directed to be
entered on the Minutes & is as follows -

We the undersigned Members of the Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland request the Committee to call an extraordinary General meeting of the Society for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of Rescinding the first and fifth Resolutions passed at the General Meeting held on the 9th day of May last -

Dated this 13th June 1844. -

Keith Hallows.	Geo Armstrong	John Vincent	Chas Pickering
Edw Tandy	Edw DeMoleyns	Henry Purcell	Benjn Hinde
John Flood	Alex Bate	Jno L. Wharton	Thos Neft
R A Walker	Jno Orpin	Richd Bolton	Co ^{rs} Wm Champion
Wm Richd Copinger	Thos Ardill	Wm Elliott	Thos Crozier
John Collum	Geo C Mahon	Alex Dudgeon	Jmy ^{rs} Sturstone &
Wm Gibson	W J Cooper	Jno Boyse	Chas Whitton
Wm B Wallace	Rob Vincent. Jun	Wm Neilson	Edw Reeves
Jno Hall	Rob Warren	Rob S Mayne	W P Fletcher
Jas Lyster Osborne	Archd H Goddard	Wm Anderson	Benjn Humphrey
R J T. Orpin	J. Digges La Touche	Wm Jy McGrath	A J C Sweeny
Robt Muddock	Josias Dunn	Wm Lantier	Chas Gauspen
Richd Meade	Thos Foley	Richd Ph Tighe	Thos. Babington
Wm Ducketo	W T Graham	Wills H McCreedy	Gilt ^{rs} Kennedy
Jas Sweeney	Jno Lambert	Croker Barington	W H Jackson
Philip Lawless	M ^{rs} Montgomery	Robt Potter	Lucas Waring
Redmond Canole	Wm Goddard	Richd Babington	Henry Ryan
John Haylett	D Dillton	C Macartney	R. Amphill
Henry Mills	R M Ducketo	Jno J Tweedy	David Bell
Muddock Green	Basil Orpin	Wm Miller	Arth Barlow
Jas Cowley Jr.	Wm T. Barker	Edw Moore	M ^{rs} Franks
E Summonds	Josh Aone Jr.	Wm. Magrath	Thos Franks
Robt Maxwell	Wm Young	Daul Bastable	J M Boswell
Jas Elliott	Richd Worthington	Geo Dix	Robt Power

The Resolutions passed at the Meeting held on the 9th of May last with reference to the recent Chancery Schedule of Fees having been read &

Mr Bate was about to address the Meeting when he was interrupted by Mr J T. Hinds who called on the Secretary to read the Correspondence which had passed between the Lord Chancellor's Secretary and Mess^{rs} Dunn the President & Goddard

One of the Vice Presidents of this Society, which having been produced and read Mr Ford moved that same be entered on the Minutes.

Scoutcamp Office Four Courts 17 May 1844

Sir

The Attention of The Lord Chancellor having been called to certain Resolutions recently published in the Newspapers, and purporting to have been passed by a Meeting of Attorneys & Solicitors of which you are stated to have been Chairman, amongst which resolutions, is one that they should be communicated to the Lord Chancellor and the Master of the Rolls, & no such communication having been made, I am directed to enquire whether the Resolutions referred to were passed by the Meeting & published by their direction

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obedt Serv

Wm Goddard Esq

Henry Sugden Secy

17 West George St. 18 May 1844

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 17th Inst & in Reply have to inform you that the Resolutions to which your letter refers were entered into at the Quarterly Meeting of the Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland, held at the Solrs Room Four Courts on the 9th Inst and at which Meeting I was called upon, as one of the Vice Presidents of that Society to take the Chair - and that such Resolutions were ordered by the Meeting to be published - but I beg leave to say, that it is a Misapprehension to consider that they were directed to be communicated to the Lord Chancellor or Master of the Rolls - I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedt Serv

H. Sugden Esq
Chancery Secy -

Wm Goddard

The Petition forwarded to the Lord Chancellor, & dated 20th May 1844, referred to in the following letter, having been read & it appearing that same was entered on the Minutes of the proceedings of the General Committee of this Society (at page 434) it was not considered necessary to have it entered on the proceedings of this Meeting.

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Secretary office Four Courts. Dublin
30th May 1844

Sir

You are of course aware of the Resolutions lately published as having been agreed to, at a Meeting of the body of the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland, of which you subscribe yourself as President, in the Memorial lately presented to the Lord Chancellor, and the Master of the Rolls. By which Resolutions, their conduct was impugned with reference to the Schedule of Fees, of which the above Memorial complains. I am directed by them to say that they do not doubt that you individually, and the great body of the Profession, feel the impropriety of the language in which those Resolutions were couched and that the presentation of the Memorial before them, is the step that should have been taken in the first instance but the complaint is one that ought to be attended to, for if the fees have been improperly reduced, the Lord Chancellor and the Master of the Rolls, would feel no difficulty in adding to them, - I am therefore directed to inform you, that if you or any of the Solrs. who were not present at the above Meeting will as individuals present a Statement to the Lord Chancellor and Master of the Rolls of the grounds on which, you specifically Object to the Schedule, they will take the same into consideration

I beg to remind you, that these fees substantially agree with those which had been previously settled by the Court of Exchequer (against which it is understood that no complaint was ever preferred) and were not adopted by the Lord Chancellor and Master of the Rolls, until after a reference to the Four Masters, they had on full consideration been approved of unanimously by them. That reference was occasioned by the resolution of the Court of Exchequer to make its general Orders conformable to those of the Court of Chancery, and by their intended adoption of a Schedule of Fees already settled and agreed on, and the Order under the Authority of which the Master acted, directed them on reconsidering the then existing Schedule of fees to have regard to that proposed for adoption by the Barons of the Court of Exchequer with a view to assimilate as far as practicable the rate of Charge in each Court.

I need scarcely observe that the resolutions already referred to by omitting to notice these circumstances were calculated to make a very erroneous and injurious impression on the Public Mind.

Josias Dumm Esq
+ + +

I have the Honor to be
Your most ^{truly} obt Servt
Henry Sugden Secy

Sir

5th June 1844

I had the honor of receiving your letter of the 30 day of May ult. written to me by direction of the Lord Chancellor and Master of the Rolls, who do me but justice in believing that I deeply regret that any thing should have occurred at the Meeting alluded to in that letter which could give them offence. I hope that they will permit me, as President of the Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland, to transmit for their consideration certain Suggestions and observations on behalf of the Solicitors relative to the late Table of Fees, published under the general Order of the 18th of April last, and respectfully to solicit their favorable attention to those suggestions coming from persons who must be supposed to be well acquainted with the subject referred to.

With respect to the Table of Fees lately published by Order of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, I beg leave to mention that during the preparation of that Table, a deputation from the Committee of the Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland, was allowed an interview with the Chief Baron, who acceded to several of their Suggestions and altho' the Barons did not in the published table of Fees think it right to acquiesce in all the views of the Committee, yet the Committee did not deem it becoming in them immediately on the publication of that Table to repeat the arguments which they had just previously submitted to the Barons, they do however intend to bring the subject again before their Lordships and to apply for a reconsideration of it.

Henry Seeger Esq,

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Lord Chancellors Secretary,

Your most Obedt Servt
Josias Dummel

Secretary Office - Four Courts

10th June 1844

Sir

I am not at liberty to receive your suggestions, in your character of President of The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland. If you are willing that they should be treated, as coming from you individually, although for the good benefit of the Profession, I will lay them before the Lord Chancellor, and Master of the Rolls.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Josias Dummel Esq,

Your most Obedt Servt
Henry Seeger Esq

After the reading of the foregoing Correspondence and Petition Mr Bates rose to move the first Resolution to be proposed to the Meeting & preface it by stating that he did not anticipate any opposition to its being carried after the Meeting had taken into their Consideration, the Correspondence and other documents which had just been read.

Mr Meade having seconded Mr Bates's Resolution Mr Wallace addressed the Meeting & proposed as an addition to Mr Bates's Resolutions the following words, "and that therefore same be and they are hereby rescinded" - which was seconded by Mr Hallows -

Mr Hinds then addressed the Chair against the proposed Resolution, and Mr Hallows followed in favor of it. - Mr French then took up the Original Resolutions & commented on them, & opposed the Resolution proposed by Mr Bates - Mr Richd Scott followed on the same side and was in favor of allowing the 1st Resolution to stand which was passed on the 9th of May last, merely striking out the word "Arbitrary" - Mr Wm Gibson then read the Original Resolutions, & having commented on them, Mr Ford moved for an Adjournment of the Meeting which was seconded by Mr T. O'Reilly.

Mr R. J. T. Open then addressed the Meeting, when Mr Ford again urged an Adjournment - which was again seconded by Mr O'Reilly, & a division being called for & the Room counted out the Motion for an Adjournment was lost. -

Mr Scott was about to propose a Resolution which Mr J. T. Scallan said he would second, but which Mr Scott afterwards declined handing^{to} to the chairman, when the Original Resolution was again proposed & Mr C. Champion having spoken to the Resolution the question was put from the Chair and the Resolution passed as follows -

Resolved - That it is the Opinion of this Meeting that the first and fifth Resolutions passed at the General Quarterly Meeting of this Society, held on the 9th of May last were unjustifiable and ought not to have been passed,
and

and that therefore same be, and they are hereby rescinded.)

Mr La Touche moved the following Resolution, which having been seconded by Mr George Armstrong was put from the Chair and passed.

Resolved. That the Resolution now passed be published.

Mr Bate moved that Mr Furlong should take the Chair, which Mr Furlong having declined doing, Mr Sandy was then requested to take it, when Mr Furlong moved that the Cordial thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr Goddard for his very proper and dignified Conduct in the Chair this day which having been seconded by Mr Campion was carried unanimously. —

Solicitors Room
Tuesday 2nd July 1844

Meeting of The Subscribers to the O'Connell
Testimonial Fund

Mr Goddard having been called to the Chair
The Secretary read the Advertisement calling the
meeting which was as follows -

"The O'Connell Testimonial Fund"

"The Committee appointed by the Profession of Attorney Solicitors
for the management of the fund, request a meeting of the subscribers at
the Solicitors Room, Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin, on this day,
(Tuesday 2nd of July) at the hour of Two O'clock P.M. for the purpose of
considering what step should be now taken by the Committee, to carry
out the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the subscribers to said fund
when it was decided, that the Testimonial should consist of a Marble Statue
to be erected in the Sol^{rs} Room, and make such other arrangements as may
be deemed requisite. - By order - Edw. J. Esq. Hon Secy

Sol^{rs} Buildings - 25 June 1844 -

The Secretary stated that the Fund now subscribed
and paid amounted to £ and that since the last
meeting of the subscribers there had been invested £100 making
£100 now invested, and that the first investment of £100 had
already produced £20.12.4 which would be invested with such
further subscriptions as may be hereafter received: The particulars
of said last investment were stated to be as follows

New Three and one half per cent Annuities

Received this 1 day of July 1844 of Josias Dunn,	Dividends	Payable
Wm Goddard & Wills Hill Mearns Esqrs the sum of	Dice	8 April
£100 being the Consideration for £96.15.4 Interest on	5 April	13 Oct ^r
Share in the Consolidated & Joint New £3.10. per Cent	10 Oct ^r	
Annuities which are made transferable at the Bank	Transfer Books	open
of Ireland by an act of Parliament passed in the 11 th year	Shut	8 April
of the Reign of His Majesty King George IV & which sum has been	15 March	13 Oct ^r
transferred by us this day to the said Jos Dunn, Wm Goddard &	20 Sept ^r	
Wills Hill Mearns.		
	£96.15.4	Stock
	102.7.6 -	£99.1.4
	87 days -	16 2
	Brothage -	2 6
		£100.0.0

Witness my hand
H. J. Dunn

Witness our hand
Wm Goddard & Wills Hill Mearns
35 Dame St

The following Resolutions were then proposed and adopted.

Moved by Mr R. J. T. Owen & Seconded by Mr Watt -

That the Committee be empowered to take such steps as they may deem necessary towards the erection of the proposed Statue to the memory of the late Sir, Michael Ologhlen Bart -

And for the purpose of aiding the present Committee of Management of said fund in getting in further Subscriptions It was moved by Mr Scott & seconded by Mr Shea that the following Gentlemen be added to said Committee. Viz
Messrs Wm Goddard, Wm J. Neligan, Patk Costello, Wm Woodlock Jas Watt, Alex Bate, Edw Tierney, Chas F Johnson, Richd Meade, Wm Ford, Math^r Farrington & Pierce Mahony.

It was suggested to the Meeting that it might be worthy of future consideration that the names of the Subscribers to said Testimonial should be engraved ^{on a Brass Plate to be placed} on the Pedestal under the Statue when same shall be erected.

It was moved that Mr Goddard should leave the Chair & Mr Owen being called there to, the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Goddard for his proper conduct in the Chair.

Solicitors Room
Four Courts Dublin
Tuesday 26th November 1844

The General Quarterly Meeting of the Members
of The Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of
Ireland

Willm Goddard Esq in the Chair

The Secretary read the Advertisement calling the Meeting
and which had been published in the Saunders & Freeman's
Journal.

The following Notices having been posted in the
Solicitors Room, in the usual manner, were
moved as follows -

Moved by Mr W. Ford - & Seconded by Mr J. J. Keids-

That all Members of the Press desirous of attending
at the General Meetings of the Society for the
purpose of reporting the Proceedings of the
Society at such Meetings, or Accouncements of
same, be permitted to attend for such purpose
and that suitable Accommodation be provided
for them on such Occasions.

Esq Armstrong

Messrs R. J. T. Orpew, Wm Furlong - J. T. Keft, C. S. Johnson
having expressed themselves as being opposed to Mr Ford's
Motion - and Messrs Geo Proctor - P. Mayne having spoken
in favor of it, and the Question having been put in the
usual way by the Chairman, and a division being
called for, and tellers having been appointed - The
Motion was lost, there being 21 for - and 73 against it

A similar Notice to Mr Ford's having been posted in the
Room by Mr Richd Scott, but that Gentleman not being
present at the Meeting, his notice dropped.

The following notice having been posted by Mr D Holtrell viz "That subscribers shall have the use of the lock up desks in the recesses on the same terms as the presses" - but Mr Holtrell not being present to move same it was also considered as a dropped notice.

In consequence of reference having been made by Mr J. T. Hinds, to what took place at the General Meeting of the Society which was held on the 1st of Feb^y last with regard to an intimation then given by him that he would bring forward a motion on the subject of Remodelling the Society and likewise of Reducing the Salaries paid to its Officers - and Mr Hinds having observed especially on the Salary paid to the Secretary which he considered to be too high - The Secretary in consequence of Mr Hinds observations requested the Chairman to state to the Meeting, that it would be very satisfactory to him, (the Secretary) if Mr Hinds and 3 or 4 other Members of the Society (who were not Members of the Committee) and whom Mr Hinds should name were appointed to enquire into the various duties necessary to be performed by the Secretary with a view to ascertaining whether that Officer was overpaid or not, and to report thereon to the next General Meeting of the Society. -

It appeared to be the opinion of the Meeting that such a step was not called for, and that adopting such a course would be casting a censure on the Committee.

Mr Hinds then stated that he would frame a notice on the subject which he would have posted in the Room before the next Meeting.

W. Goddard

It was moved by Mr Kift that Mr Goddard do vacate the Chair, and that Mr Wallace do take same, which having been seconded by Mr Fowler, it was Resolved, That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr Goddard for his very proper conduct in the Chair this day.

Solicitors Room
 Four Courts, Dublin
 Saturday 1st February 1845.

The General Quarterly Meeting of the Members of
 The Society of the Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland
 being the day after Term.

William Goddard Esq^r V.P. ^{was called} to the Chair. ^{in consequence} ^{the meeting}
 of a letter ^{had} ^{been} ^{read} ^{from} ^{Mr} ^{Dunn} ^{the} ^{President}, ^{stating} ^{his} ^{inability} ^{to} ^{attend}
^{from} ^{ill} ^{health}.
 The Secretary read the Advertisement calling the Meeting which
 had been published in the Saunders & Freeman's Journal.

The following Notices which had been posted in the Room of
 Motions intended to be brought forward were then read.

Notice given by Mr Ford, that he would move

"That all Members of the Press desirous of attending at
 the General Meetings of the Society for the purpose of reporting
 the proceedings of the Society at such Meetings or Adjournments
 of same, be permitted to attend for such purpose, and that
 suitable accommodation be provided for them on such
 occasions."

Mr. Hinds requested that he might be allowed to move Mr Ford's
 Notice, or that it might be saved until the latter part of the day, as
 Mr Ford was unavoidably absent at the Assembly House, attending
 to his duties as Town Clerk:— The Meeting approved of Mr Ford's
 Notice being adjourned until the other business of the Meeting
 was disposed of, & to afford time for Mr Ford to move his own Notice.

The Secretary then read a Notice which had been posted by
 Mr. J. T. Hinds which was as follows.

"Mr J. T. Hinds gives Notice that upon the next day of Meeting
 he will move the following Resolutions—

- 1st. That the Salary at present paid to the Secretary is excessive
 and an abuse of the funds of the Society, being disproportioned
 to the duties of the Office & beyond the means of the Society.
- 2nd. That in future the Offices of Secretary & Assistant Secretary be abolished
 & one Librarian be appointed at a Salary of £150 per Ann.

- 3rdly That in future the Annual Subscription be reduced to ten shillings
- 4thly That to create a Library & Lecture fund, every Member of the Committee shall in future pay an Annual Subscription of £5, any Member^s elected & failing to pay within ten days, to be struck off the list, & be thenceforth ineligible the Committee for the year to consist of such Members as shall have paid within that time.
- 5thly That at the General Meetings of the Society all practising Members of the Profession shall be at liberty to attend none but Subscribers to vote or interfere in any of the proceedings.

Mr Hinds having spoken to his Motion considerable discussion took place in which Mess^{rs} Goultan, Hazlett, Champion, Payne, Scott, Fostrell, Walker, Wallace, Orpen, Kift & Goddard took part and the question having been put Separately by the Chairman on each proposition contained in Mr Hinds's Notice, Numbers 1. 3. 4, and 5 were negatived by the Meeting, and N^o 2 was altogether withdrawn by Mr Hinds.

The Secretary then read a notice which had been posted by him in the Solicitor's Room at the request of Mr Arthur French Sol^r - but Mr French not being present to move same, and it not having been posted in accordance with the Rules of the Society (in consequence of not being sent in due time to the Secretary) it could not therefore be moved.

The Secretary then read the following Notice which had been posted by Mr Furlong,

"Mr W^m Furlong gives notice of his intention to move a resolution at the next General Meeting of the Society of the Att^{ys} & Sol^{rs} to be held on Saturday the 1st day of Feb^r next to the following effect -

That no motion for an alteration of the Rules & Regulations of this Society, which has already been moved & rejected at a General Meeting of the Society, shall in the same or any other form be again moved or debated for 12 Months next after such decision

shall have taken place, unless there shall have been not more than 21 members present at such decision, or unless the notice for such renewed motion, shall have the bona fide signatures of at least 31 members of the Society.

Mr G F Johnson begged leave to second Mr Hurlongs motion and the question having been put by the Chairman, same was declared to have been carried.

The Secretary informed the Meeting, that the only subject which remained to be disposed of, was Mr Fords notice.

Mr Hinds then spoke in favor of Mr Fords motion for admitting the press & after delivering a very eloquent speech - the motion was seconded by Mr Abraham Coates -

Mr Geo Dentwell spoke in favor of the motion, and said that if no instance could be brought forward of injury done to the Society by such Reports, he would support the admission of the Press.

Mr Richd Scott was likewise favorable to the admission of Reporters as was also Mr Chas Wms Campion.

Mr H Dellow & Mr R. J. T. Osprey were opposed to the motion. Mr Ganttan & Mr Cantwell spoke at considerable length in favor of Mr Fords motion, and Mr Ford having at that period entered the Room addressed the Meeting in support of his motion. when

Mr G F Johnston proposed an adjournment -

Mr Sibbonds spoke afterwards in favor of the motion &

Mr Haylett & Mr Wiff in opposition to it, when

The Chairman having put the question on Mr Fords motion & a division being called for Messrs J. T. Hinds & Arthur Barlow were appointed Tellers but those Gent^l not agreeing in their Report, & the Chairman feeling that he could not decide the question without their doing so (having himself declined to vote altho' urged so to do) it was proposed that the Meeting sh^d adjourn to Wednesday the 23^d Ap^l next when the subject should be further discussed & considered. & that notice sh^d be given in the Public Newspapers of such further Meeting.

Wm Goddard Chairman

It was moved by Mr. Cantwell & seconded by Mr R. Scott, That Mr Goddard do leave the Chair & Mr Ford being called there to, It was then moved by Mr Cantwell

That the warmest thanks of the Meeting be accorded to Mr Goddard for his very dignified & impartial Conduct in the Chair - and which was carried unanimously.

Solicitors Room
Four Courts Dublin
Wednesday 23rd April 1845

This Meeting was held pursuant to Adjournment
from the 1st of February last

The Secretary having stated that the President of the Society
was prevented by indisposition from taking the Chair -
It was moved by Edw Reeves Esq^r, & seconded
by J. T. Ainds Esq^r,
That Mr Goddard do take the Chair -

William Goddard Esq^r
in the Chair

The Secretary read from the News Paper the Advertisement
calling the Meeting, which was as follows

"Take Notice

"That the Meeting of the Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland
"as Adjourned from the 1st day of February last, will be held at
"the Solicitors Room, Four Courts Dublin on this day (Wednesday)
"the 23rd of April when the business which stood over from said
"last quarterly Meeting will then be disposed of -

The Chair to be taken at Two o'clock precisely

By order Edw^d & Jles - Secy -"

The Secretary then read such portion of the Proceedings of the
last Meeting as related to the subject of Mr Ford's Motion for the
admission of Reporters of the Press -

Mr R. J. T. Orpen then moved that the Correspondence be
read, which had taken place between the Committee of this Society
and other Societies of a similar kind both in England & Scotland
with reference to admitting Reporters of the Press.

Mr J. T. Ainds opposed the reading of the letters referred
to by Mr Orpen.

Mr C. F. Johnston supported Mr R. J. T. Orpens Motion for
having them read.

Mr Gartlan was Opposed to adopting the course suggested by Mr Orpen, and stated that in the absence of his friend Mr Ford (who he expected would shortly be able to attend the meeting) he would beg leave to say a few words in favor of the motion which formed the subject of their consideration -

Mr C. Pickering interrupted Mr Gartlan and called for a division at once on the question

Mr P. Mayne was in favor of having the correspondence read and begged leave to second Mr Orpen's motion to that effect.

The Secretary then read the letter he had addressed by direction of the Committee to each of the Societies alluded to, and which led to his receiving the letters to which Mr Orpen referred, & which correspondence was as follows -

Addressed to

"The Society of the Attorneys & Sol^{rs} of Ireland
Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts Dublin
28th Feb^y 1845

Sir

I am directed by the Committee of Management of this Society to enquire of you, whether there exists any Rule of your Society for or against the admission of News Paper Reporters at the General Meetings of your Body, or supposing there to be no Rule on the subject, what is the Custom in that respect, as regards Reporters - Hoping you will pardon the liberty I have taken in troubling you on this subject.

Signed Edw^d Hles - Secy

Addressed to

Robt Maugham Esq^r Secy of Incorporated Law Society
Chancery Lane - London

Geo Fitch Esq^r Secy of Metropolitan & Provincial Legal Association of London - 15 Bridge St. - Blackfriars, London -

The Secy of the Society of the Writers to the Signet & the Sol^{rs} of the Supreme Court - Edinburgh

The Secy of The Law Society of Attorneys & Sol^{rs}, Birmingham

Sir

21 Watwood St. Birmingham 4 Mar. 1845

Reporters have never applied for admittance at the meetings of the Birmingham Law Society, but if they had I feel sure they would not have been admitted. I am Sir
Yr most Obedt Serv^t Thos Smith James.

Edw^d Hles Esq

Metropolitan & Provincial Legal Association
 15 New Bridge St. Blackfriars London
 3rd March 1845

Sir

There is no rule of our Society respecting the admission of News Paper Reporters at our General Meetings.

At our General Meetings I have noticed about a dozen reporters present, some of them being engaged for the daily journals & others for the Legal Periodicals. - I am not aware of any comment having been made on their Attendance, which appears to be regarded as a matter of course. - The presence of Reporters is not sought, but I apprehend any attempt to exclude them would be highly impolitic. -

I shall be glad to hear that your Petition for the repeal of the Certificate duty is satisfactorily progressing -

I remain Dr Sir Yr Mo^o ob^o Serv^t
 Edw^d Hles Esq^r, Geo Fitch Secy -

Law Society's Hall. 7 March 1845 -

Dear Sir

In answer to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 28th Feb^y, which I laid before the Committee yesterday, I beg to inform you that News Paper Reporters are not admitted to the General Meetings which are limited to the Members of the Society. I am Dr Sir yr faithful ob^o Serv^t
 Edw^d Hles Esq^r R Maughan - Secy.

Signet Office Edinburgh 4 Mar. 1845 -

Sir

Your letter of the 28th ult^o has been handed to me as Deputy Keeper & Chairman of the Society of Writers to the Signet, and I beg leave to state in answer that our Society does not admit the Attendance of Reporters at their Meetings, or indeed of any person who is not a Member of the Society excepting their Substitute Clerk. - One good effect of the Exclusion of Reporters is, that the Speeches of Members are generally very short, being strictly confined to the business of the Meeting, & are scarcely ever made for a display of the fancied Oratorical powers of the Speaker.

I have the honor to be Sir
 Yr ob^o Serv^t
 Edw^d Hles Esq^r Rich Mackenzie

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Mr Gartlan again addressed the Meeting & stated he hoped Mr Ford would be able to attend before they decided on the question and concluded by reading Mr Fords Notice of Motion, proposed its Adoption, and Mr OShea stated it wd be seconded by Mr

but that Gentleman not being present Mr Arthur French requested leave to read the notice and having done so agreed to second it -

The Chairman was about to put the question when the following Gentlemen addressed the Meeting in favor of the Motion - viz - J. J. Ainds, Mr J. K. Boswell, Mr R. A. Scott, Mr. Tibbaults, Mr Ford (who arrived at 4 O'Clock) Mr Gartlan -

And the following Gentlemen spoke in Opposition to the Motion viz - Mr G. F. Johnson, Mr Chas Gausson, Mr Kite, Mr. Walter, Mr Wallace.

The Chairman having put the question & given it as his opinion that the votes were against the Motion, a division was called for, and tellers having been appointed the numbers were as follow -

for the Motion 50 votes and
against it 59 votes -

when the Chairman announced that it was Negatived.

The Secretary then read a Notice which had been duly posted in the Solicitors Room by direction of the Committee which was as follows -

" The Committee give notice that they will at the Adjourned
" Meeting of this Society to be held on the 23^d Inst bring
" forward the subject of providing a fund for having the
" Ordnance Survey of Ireland which has been presented to the
" Society by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant coloured
" mounted and bound, & which with a proper case for holding
" same will cost about £300 "

The Meeting however did not offer any suggestion to the Committee with reference to it.

Mr French having enquired of the Secretary if the Notice of Motion given by him with respect to Mr Fras Keenan

had been posted to be brought forward at this meeting, was informed that it could not be brought forward until the Quarterly meeting on the 9th of May next, and having read it over & approved of it as formerly furnished by him to the Secretary, he requested that it might be posted in the Room in the usual manner, - as it was still his intention to bring it forward

Mr Richd Scott handed the following Notice to the Secretary which he requested to have read to the meeting and have it posted in the usual way in the Solicitors Room as he stated it was his intention to bring it forward at the quarterly meeting on the 9th of May next -

"I do hereby give notice that I will at the next quarterly meeting of the Society, move the following Motion

"That the Committee of 31 for the Management of the
 "Profession of Attys & Sol^{rs} for Ireland shall be chosen Annually on
 "every 24th June by Ballot at which all the Attorneys & Solicitors of
 "Ireland, who have taken out their Licenses shall be eligible to vote
 "whether Members of the Society or not, with this Restriction
 "that no Atty or Sol^r shall be permitted to vote by proxy
 "that is not a Subscriber to the Rooms of the Society at the
 "Four Courts, nor shall any vote be taken for any Attorney
 "or Solicitor to be of the Committee, unless he is a Subscriber
 "to the Rooms & bound by the Rules & Regulations of the Society
 "Mr Goddard } Richd Scott."

Mr Rife having proposed that Mr Goddard do leave the Chair & that Mr J. J. Ainds should be called there to -

Mr Gaitlaw having seconded the motion, and
 Mr Ainds having taken the Chair accordingly -
 It was Resolved

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr Goddard for his very dignified & efficient Conduct in the Chair, and for his unceasing exertion at all times to forward the best interests of the Society & of the Profession at large.
 which was carried unanimously.

Solicitors Room
The General Quarterly Meeting of The Society of
The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland
to receive the Annual Report &c

Friday 9th May 1845.

Mr. Furlong moved - & Mr. Johnson seconded that
Mr. Goddard, Q.C. take the Chair.

Meeting held pursuant to the 17th Rule of the Society

The Advertisement calling the Meeting read by
The Secretary.

The Secretary having brought up the Report,
It was then proposed that same should be read without
any Interruption or Observation made on it, and that
afterwards any Member would be at liberty to offer any
Observations he thought proper with regard to it, which
Suggestion was met with the Approval of the Meeting.

The Report having been read Mr. Furlong moved that
it be received and Adopted.

Mr. Jas. Thos. Hinds begged leave to move that the
Paragraph in the Report which alluded to the exclusion
of the Reporters of the Public Press - be expunged - and a
discussion having arisen ~~xx~~ with reference to the Correspondence
which had taken place between this Society & similar institutions
in England & Scotland, (and which was read at the last Meeting
of this Society held on the 23rd April 1845,) The Secretary was
called on to read the Correspondence to the Meeting.

(See same entered at pages 133-134 of this book)

Mr. Scott rose to second Mr. Hinds' Motion - and in doing
so alluded to the Notice of a Motion given by him at the
General Meeting of this Society held on the 13th of June last, having
for its object the Rescinding of the Resolution passed at that
Meeting for excluding Reporters.

The Chairman having put the Question on Mr Ainds' Motion, the same was declared by the Chairman to be negatived.

Mr Jas Percival Graves then moved that the following words be expunged from the Paragraph which related to the exclusion of Reporters, viz, "Where a different course was tolerated rather than Admitted".

Mr Ainds opposed Mr Graves' Motion, when Mr Walker moved that the Opinion of the Meeting sh^d be taken as to the Course to be adopted relative to Mr Ainds' Opposition. when the Chairman was called on to put the question on Mr Graves' Motion. same was carried and the words expunged accordingly.

The Discussion with respect to the Report having terminated Mr Furlong again moved that same be adopted & received & entered on the Minutes which was carried

Report of The Committee of The Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland for the year ending 1st May 1845.

Your Committee in reporting the proceedings of their year of Office, (the fourth of the Society) have to state, that they entered upon their duties fully impressed with the effect likely to be produced upon their Profession, by the various alterations lately introduced into the practice of the Courts, to assimilate (so far as circumstances would admit) the practice in this Country, to that of England; and being of Opinion, as a necessary consequence of such alterations, that the Profession ought to be put upon an equality, as regards their Fees and Charges with their Brethren in England, Your Committee have from time to time made such Representations on the subject in the proper quarters as they considered reasonable and just; and although they have not succeeded to the full extent of their expectations, they can scarcely doubt, that their successors, by pursuing a temperate yet persevering course of conduct, will fully accomplish the just objects of the Profession.

Amongst the changes which have so been made Your Committee consider the Registry of Judgments worthy of most serious

Attention; not only as regards Professional emolument, but as affecting the transfer of property and Loans of Money - On the first point, Yr Committee do not think it necessary to enter into particulars, as it may be considered as comprehended within the preceding Observations; but, they regret to state that having represented to the Authorities having the control of the New Office, their Opinion with respect to the propriety of Obtaining Certificates of the Registration of Judgments therein, they received a Communication in reply that the Lord Chancellor, The Lords Chief Justices, and the Lord Chief Baron had met on the subject, and were of Opinion, that their Lordships had not power to order the delivery of a certificate, nor did it appear to their Lordships that the Act of Parliament required any Amendment in that respect: but your Committee remain of Opinion that such certificates ought to be granted; for, supposing any error in registering a judgment or an omission altogether to register it, the Attorney might find it difficult (and at the end of some years perhaps impossible) to establish in one instance the correctness, or in the other, the delivery to the Officer of the Memorandum; and Yr Committee submit that every Attorney registering a judgment should be at liberty to inspect the Books of the Officer free of charge in order to ascertain that the business has been properly done.

Your Committee have further to state, that having also represented the great delay in obtaining searches from the Office, they have reason to believe that such delay will be remedied in future, by the Appointment of Additional Clerks.

With reference to the Amended Schedule of Chancery fees your Committee on the 20th of May last, presented a petition to the Lord Chancellor, & subsequently several Observations & Suggestions respecting same, (to which Petition & observations your Committee beg leave to refer) and His Lordship & the Master of the Rolls, were pleased to receive a deputation from Yr Committee on the subject; the only result of which however, as yet has been, that some inconsiderable alterations were made in the Schedule; but your Committee feel that the Profession are justly entitled to a suitable remuneration for the loss they sustain, by the consolidation of several searches into one general search, as well as on the other subject matters of their Petition & observations.

Your Committee being of Opinion that the item ^(No. 144 in the amended Schedule) ~~1044~~ with the amended Schedule of 1/6 per page for draft Brief, was intended as a Remuneration to Solicitors for the Abbreviation of the Pleadings required by the 157th Rule, although no actual draft is prepared, lately brought the question under the Consideration of the Masters for their decision on Taxation; and your Committee regret to state that the Masters have decided against allowing the 1/6 per sheet, as if for a draft Brief, for every sheet in the Brief of Pleadings so Abbreviated, (which your Committee submit is the plain and obvious meaning of said item taken in conjunction with the 158th Rule) unless an actual draft be produced. Your Committee however postponed bringing the Construction of this Rule before the Lord Chancellor & Master of the Rolls, as there are other items, which the succeeding Committee will have to bring under their Lordships Consideration, including the Fee heretofore allowed for draft brief of necessary Observations, which your Committee are of opinion should be restored.

The Judges of the Law Courts, having been empowered by an Act of last Session, to prepare a Schedule of Fees for Attorneys within the then ensuing Michaelmas Term, your Committee presented a Memorial to their Lordships seeking to have the Schedule based on the principle of the Fees payable to Attorneys in England; which Memorial met the Approbation of, and was signed by almost every practising Member of the Profession; whereupon your Committee obtained permission to lay a Schedule before the Judges, which they accordingly did, and which Schedule their Lordships submitted to the Taxing Officers & afterwards received a deputation from your Committee thereon, in consequence whereof a Table of Fees was finally settled, which your Committee believe has in general met with Approbation.

Your Committee have again to allude to the Memorial long since presented to the Judges with respect to the assimilating the Practice of the three Law Courts; and, although your Committee have heard that since the passing of the Act last alluded to, the Judges have taken the Subject into consideration your Committee are not aware that any decision has been

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arrived at; but whenever it shall be carried into effect, they feel that great Attention will be requisite on the part of the Committee that such Assimilation shall not impose new duties on the Profession without giving them adequate Remuneration.

Your Committee feeling in unison with the Committee of last year, that the Remuneration established by the Schedule for the Equity Side of the Court of Chancery, is in many instances insufficient for the duty performed, and that fees for certain duties are altogether omitted; did on the 23rd of April last, present a Memorial to the Barons seeking that proper fees should be fixed for those duties, and that all fees shall be allowed in British Currency, as in the late Schedule of Fees for the Law Courts; but your Committee have not as yet received any communication thereon from their Lordships.

An Act for the better Regulation of the Profession of Attorneys & Solicitors practising in England & Wales, having lately passed the Legislature, your Committee thought it right to consider whether that act might be beneficially extended to this Country; but finding that some of its enactments were already in force in Ireland, and that others required very mature consideration, they confined their suggestions for the present to that portion of the Act which seemed of immediate practical utility viz - the Relation between Attorney & Client as Creditor & Debtor & they accordingly forwarded a draft of a Bill to His Majesty's Attorney General for Ireland, but, from the state of Public business they apprehend the Measure cannot be brought under the consideration of Parliament during the present Session.

A communication having been made to your Committee, that a question as to the propriety of permitting Salaried Clerks to be bound Apprentices to Attorneys, & then receiving Salaries during Apprenticeship, was under the consideration of the Bench of the Kings Inns, your Committee thought it right to submit for the consideration of their Honors, that it should be more imperative, that Applicants for liberty to be bound Apprentices, should by their Affidavits negative their receiving, or intending to receive during their Apprenticeship Remuneration as Clerks from their intended Masters, or from any other Attorney or Sol^r; or to serve such Masters in any other Capacity than as Apprentices; and also that

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that the intended Masters should negative the intention to give such Remuneration; and your Committee have reason to believe that their Honors have approved of the Suggestion.

The Committee of last year in their report, alluded to an Application made by a Barrister, under peculiar Circumstances to be admitted an Attorney, without having served an apprenticeship or even being bound, and that such Application was refused; but your Committee have now to state that the Gentleman alluded to having afterwards executed Indentures of Apprenticeship did, as an Apprentice of only one week's standing, renew his Application, upon which Occasion your Committee considered it their duty (on Principle, but without any personal Objection to the Individual) to Oppose the Application, but the Court were pleased to grant the Application.

The Profession in England having prepared a Petition to Parliament for the Abolition of the Annual Certificate duty imposed on Attorneys, your Committee considered it advisable to cooperate with them and having communicated with the Metropolitan & Provincial Legal Association of London they prepared a Petition to the same effect, which has been very numerously signed by the Profession, & will be forwarded for presentation to the House of Commons contemporaneously with the Petition of their Brethren in England.

A former Committee of your Society having had under Consideration, and taken some Steps towards obtaining, the Removal of the exclusion of Irish Attorneys from practising in the Supreme Courts of the Presidency of Bombay, and that question having been brought under the Consideration of the present Committee, they thought it right to again submit the Matter to the proper Authorities, and your Committee have the pleasure to state that Proceedings are in progress by the Government to have this invidious exclusion put an end to; and they cannot quit this Subject without acknowledging the Courtesy and Attention with which their Remonstrances were received by the then Chief Secretary for Ireland (now Earl of St Germain)

Your Committee have also the pleasure to report that
 Earl De Grey the late Lord Lieutenant favored your
 Society with a gift of the Printed Calendar to the
 Patent Rolls of Chancery from the 1st to the 16th Years of the
 Reign of King James the 1st inclusive; thereby completing
 the set of the Patent Rolls and Records of Inland, now
 in the Library of your Society; for which your Committee
 on behalf of the Society returned His Excellency their
 respectful acknowledgement and thanks.

Your Committee have to state, that in furtherance
 of one of the great objects of the Society, viz, the procuring
 of a Library of Works of practical utility for the
 profession, they presented a Memorial to His Excellency
 Lord Heytesbury, stating the Nature and objects of the
 Society, and the Advantage it would be to them to
 have a copy of the Ordnance Maps of Inland, to which
 Memorial your Committee received a most gracious
 Communication from His Excellency that he had directed
 that a copy of the Survey to be presented to the Society
 which so far as as it has been Completed has been
 since received, And your Committee have to state that
 they immediately conveyed to His Excellency their
 respectful thanks on behalf of the Society for the
 donation - And your Committee beg leave to
 submit that a Subscription should be forthwith
 entered into, specially to provide a fund for having
 the Maps properly bound. -)

Your Committee have also lately applied
 for a copy of the general valuation of Inland
 made under the Superintendance of Peter Griffith
 Esq^r in pursuance of the Act of the 6th 7th of William
 the 4th Cap 84, which when complete will form
 a very valuable addition to their Library; and
 which, they have every reason to expect the
 Society will obtain -

Yours

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Your Committee before concluding their Report, think it right to state that at the first General Meeting after their coming into Office, the question of having Newspaper Reporters to attend the Meetings of the Society, was taken into Consideration when the Proposition was negatived; the same question was afterwards brought forward, and again decided in the negative; And your Committee trust that such decision will be adhered to, being satisfied, that the Admission of Reporters would be inconsistent with the Objects for which alone the Society was established, namely the Consideration of Matters exclusively Professional; And your Committee have further to state, that being desirous of ascertaining the usage of like Societies, they communicated with several similar institutions in England and Scotland, all of which with one exception concurred in opinion with your Committee.

There are several other Subjects which your Committee have had under Consideration, to be found on the Minutes of their Proceedings; but not being concluded they deem it inexpedient to embody them in this Report - they however recommend them to the Notice of their Successors And in Conclusion your Committee beg to call the Attention of their Brethren of the Profession to the Conveniences and Advantages to be derived from being Members of the Society, and by making their Appointments for Mutual intercourse and Professional Communications in the Solicitors Room, where they will find every suitable Accommodation.

Mr. Richd Babington then moved that the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Committee who prepared the Report ^{which had just been} ~~read~~ read & also for the very able & efficient manner in which they had discharged the arduous duties which had devolved on them during their year of Office which had been seconded by Mr. J. Graves was loudly responded to by the Meeting.

It was moved by Alex^r E. McIntosh Esq. Seconded
by A. H. Goddard Esq.
That the Report be printed and published under
the direction of the Committee
which was carried unanimously

The following Notices which had been posted in the
room of Subjects intended to be brought forward at the Gen.
Meeting were then read,

First Mr French's Notice with reference to Mr Kiemann's
Case -

The Secretary stated that he had just received a
letter from Mr French, which he begged leave to read at
the meeting of which the following is a copy

Burrisokane, Thursday (8 May 1855)

Sir

Business on which I have no Control prevents me
attending to move the Motion with regard to Mr Kiemann,
I shall therefore thank you to withdraw it - I oblige

Yrs truly

Edw. H. Esq.

A. French.

The Secretary then read the Notice of Motion given by
Mr Richd. Scott at the General Meeting held on the 23^d
of April last (see notice page 136 of this Book)

Mr Scott having moved the Subject of his Notice
& same having been seconded by Mr Wm. McGrath
The Question was put by the Chairman and declared by
him to be negatived by a considerable Majority.

Mr Hinds then stated that had Mr Scott framed
his Motion that the Profession generally without being
members of the Society should be at liberty to ballot for a
Committee every 5 Years instead of Annually as proposed
by Mr Scott, he would have supported the Motion.

Mr Walker expressed his surprise that any Member
in the Room could be found to second Mr Scott's Motion
which in point of fact, (he said) amounted to this, that it

would only be necessary for the 31 Members Composing The Committee of the Society to become Subscribers.

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate five Members (not of the Committee) 3 of whom to form a quorum, to Audit the Societys Accounts, and report thereon at the General Meeting to be held on the 13th June next for the purpose of receiving the Scrutators Report of the Ballot for a Committee and which is to commence on Monday the 2nd of June next. The following Auditors were then Appointed -

- Mr W. Magee
- Mr R. Babington
- Mr H. H. Mills (Treasurer)
- Mr Cowley
- Mr Graves -

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate 5 Members of the Society to be Scrutators of the Ballot along with the President, Vice Presidents & Secretary to take place on Monday the 2nd June next - viz

- Mr W. H. McGrath
- Mr J. T. Knids
- Mr Spimmers
- Mr Fottrell
- Mr Garde

The Chairman then proposed to the Meeting that Friday the 13th June next at the hour of two O'clock (being the usual Meeting day) should be fixed for the Meeting of the Society to receive the Report of the Auditors of the Account & Scrutators of the Ballot which was appointed accordingly.

Mr Goddard ^{Chm}

Mr Wm H. McGrath having moved that Mr Goddard do have the Chair & Mr John Hazlett being Called there to. The thanks of the Meeting were ^{most} unanimously & most cordially voted to Mr Goddard for his dignified Conduct in the Chair & his readiness at all times to forward the best interests of the Profession, which was carried unanimously.

When the business of the Meeting had been concluded, Mr Geo Stanley Murray begged leave to suggest that it might be very

desirable if the Society (could) arrange to dine together once or twice a year, & which he thought would be productive of harmony & good feeling in the Profession. The Meeting however dispersed without any arrangement being entered into for carrying out Mr Murray's suggestion

Solicitors Room 206.
 Tuesday 27th May 1845

An Extraordinary General Meeting of The Society convened pursuant to the following Requisition—
 "We the undersigned Attorneys & Solicitors hereby Requite the Committee of the Law Society pursuant to the 20th Rule, to call an extraordinary General Meeting of the Society for the purpose of considering the question of the Admission of Reporters at the General Meetings of the Society and to arrange in what manner, and under what Restrictions Reporters should be admitted to such Meetings"

Dated this 9th May 1845

Richd Scott	+ Rob Saaffe 69 Abing ^{ton} St	Thos Reilly	Richd Worthington
Mr Bickel 50 St Johns St	+ Martin Cogran 5 Blenheim St	+ Authy O'Connell	Wm P. Graham
Mr J. Hardy 38 St Johns St	Bernd Lynott 16 Hollis St	Dani Kolan	Wm McDermott
Mr Campbell 54 St Johns St	Wm Magee 1 Talbot St	J. M. Cantwell	D. F. Collins
+ Thos O'Reilly 7 Dolin St	B. P. Smith 32 Wilton St	Michl Kennedy	Richd Bolton
Mr J. Harriman 4 Cork St	Patk Saaffe 5 St George's St	+ Sand Kinsie	Wm Dalton
Geo D Fottell Dunelm St	A. J. O'Neil	+ Jas Moran	Mr Ferguson
E. N. Barron	John McCrossan	+ Monty Erskine	Peter McKeogh
Henry C Kelly	Chas Pickering	+ Jas Hill Kelly	Mr Jos ^{ph} Clarke
Wm Sterne	James Mahon	Edwin Pattenby	Chas Cavanagh
Richd & H. McGrath	Thos Ferguson	Henry Donnelly	Arthur O'Hagan
Mr Wm Creight 43 Dame St	Mr O'Ferrall	Luke O'Shea	Thos Keller
Philip Montgomery	Lance Mooney	J. W. Cooper	Thos Deehan
+ Wm H. Hart	Mr Dooner	Peter McCullough	Dani Lyons
+ Patk Glynn	Mathw Tully	Kenny Purcell	Thos Norman
+ Wm T. Kelly	Jos ^{ph} W. Foley	Mr Armstrong	Thos E. Wright
+ A. J. Banfield	James Cowley Jr	Redmond Carroll	Thos Mastyn
+ Dan L. Treacy	Mathw O'Reilly	Wm F. Rogers	Thos Morrison
+ Geo Kenny Son 52 Dame St	Chas Kernan	Chas D. Rogers	Edw Reynolds
+ Mr M. Dumoto 40 Dame St	+ Geo Kernan	Wm T. Rogers	Wm B. Cowley

Mr. L. Shea moved that Mr Goddard be requested to take the Chair, Mr Goddard was accordingly called out to preside

Mr Goddard in the Chair,

The Secretary having been interrogated whether due Notice had been published of the Meeting stated that the usual Notice had been posted at the entrance door of the Solicitors Building, and also in the Solicitors Room and had been inserted twice in the Standard, and twice in the Freeman's Journal.

The Secretary having read the Advertisement from the News Paper calling the Meeting -

Mr Shea addressed the Chair and stated that he believed the Gentlemen who signed the Requisition had gone to the Review in the Park, and that it might be desirable to adjourn the Meeting for another day, but such Adjournment not being approved of by the Meeting,

It was moved by Mr Wallace, That the Meeting should adjourn sine die, which being seconded by Mr Hazlet was carried Unanimously -

Wm Goddard Chm

The proceedings of the Meeting did not occupy quite ten minutes, and there were not more than 40 Members present.

There being no other Business to occupy their attention, and Mr Goddard having vacated the Chair, the Meeting Separated.

+ Thus marked (who signed the Requisition) are not Members of the Society

Solicitors Room
Friday 13th June 1845

General Meeting of the Society (being the first ^{day} after Term).

This day having been appointed at the General Meeting of the Society held on the 9th of May ult. to receive the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot & also of the Auditors of the Annual Account.

Mr. Goddard being called to the Chair

The Secretary read from the Newspaper the advertisement convening the Meeting, and then proceeded to read the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot which was as follows

The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland.

Report of the President Vice Presidents and other Scrutators appointed to preside over the Ballot for a Committee of this Society

We the Scrutators in pursuance of the Resolution entered into at the Quarterly Meeting of this Society held on Friday the 9th day of May ult. at the Solicitors Room have to Report as follows-

That said Ballot commenced on Monday the 2nd day of June Inst. and was continued until Wednesday the 4th Inst. Having remained open from 11 to 4 O'clock each day and we find the result of the Scrutiny of said Ballot to be as follows. viz.

That 134 Members balloted and that after striking off such Members of the outgoing Committee as the provision of the 12th Rule of this Society was applicable to the under-named Gentlemen having the Number of Votes severally attached to their names do form the Committee for the year to terminate on the 1st May 1846

(Report continued)

		No. of Votes			No. of Votes
1	Josias Dunn	121	17	John Harloto	88
2	Wm Goddard	118	18	Alex Bate	87
3	Richd Meade	115	19	John Orjuw	86
4	John Tho Mift	109	20	John Flood	82
5	Wm B. Wallace	108	21	Tho ^s Franks	82
6	Tho Babington	107	22	Murdoch Green	51
7	Y. Digger La Touche	107	23	Richd Scott	47
8	Richd J. J. Oypen	107	24	C. F. Johnson	45
9	Edw Reeves	103	25	John M ^c Mahon	41
10	Weth Hallows	102	26	Matw Anderson	36
11	Richd A. Walder	102	27	Tho Crozier	34
12	Arthur Barlow	102	28	Wm H ^y McGrath	34
13	Wm Ducketo	101	29	Edw Lloyd	32
14	Robt Power	99	30	John Hall	25
15	John Collum	95	31	John T. Hinds	24
16	Cha Gaufer	95			

And that the following are the ten names having the next greatest number of votes on the Ballot after the Committee and as such, eligible to fill up any vacancies that may occur during the year

1	James Elliot	No. of Votes 23	6	Richd Babington	No. of Votes 14
2	Edw Simmonds	20	7	John Litton	14
3	John Sadler	19	8	W. H. Meedys	14
4	J. M. Cantwell	16	9	P. M. Gartlaw	13
5	John Smith	15	10	Luke Shea	13

Which we submit as our Report this 6th day of June 1845

Wm Goddard } Vice President
Wm H^y Magrath
John Tho Hinds
Geo. D. Fottrell
John D. Garde
Alex^r Symmers
Edw^d Hes. — (Secretary)

It was moved by W. M. J. Cooper and seconded by Wm. W. Cumpion & Resolved That the Report which has just been read by the Secretary be received and adopted and entered on the minutes
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The Secretary then proceeded to read the statement of the Annual Account of the Society which had been examined, vouched and found correct and was entered in the Ledger kept for that purpose in his Office and had been duly signed by the Auditors.

Mr. J. T. Hinds objected to the expenditure of the Society with reference to the salary paid to the Secretary as being quite disproportioned to the income of the Society and suggested that letters should be written to other similar Societies with a view of ascertaining whether the expenditure was conducted on the same liberal scale out of so limited an Income.

A discussion having taken place on the subject in which Messrs. Geo. Stanley Murray - Chas. W. Campion - J. D. La Touche - Jas. P. Graves and David Bell, took part and those Gentlemen having opposed Mr. Hinds suggestion and it appearing to the Meeting that such a course was not necessary to be adopted, whereas Mr. G. S. Murray observed the Profession and Society were perfectly competent to the management of their own concerns, and which it might be implied was not the case if they adopted the course proposed by Mr. Hinds the subject then dropped.

It was moved by Mr. Richd Babington and seconded by Mr. C. F. Johnson that the Report of the Auditors which had just been read be received and adopted.

There not being any other business to bring under the consideration of the Meeting Mr. Richd Scott took occasion to allude to a case in which he was lately concerned before the Lord Chancellor but which appeared to be one that should be brought under the consideration of the Committee rather than of the Meeting of the Society, and the same opinion was also given with reference to another subject which was ^{also} brought forward by ^{another} Member of the Society then present who ^{afterwards} intimated his intention of submitting a statement of it to the Committee.

Mr. Goddard

Mr. C. F. Johnson then moved that Mr. Goddard do leave the Chair which being seconded by Mr. Richd Scott and Mr. Terence O'Reilly being called there to it was moved that the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Goddard for his conduct in the Chair.

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Solicitors Room
Four Courts Dublin,
Wednesday 26th November 1845

The General Meeting (after Lunch) of the Members
of The Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of
Ireland.

Rich^d J. Theodore Orpen Esq^r V.P.
in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Advertisement calling the Meeting
& which had been published in the Saunders & Freeman.

The Committee having prepared a Special Report as to the
course they had adopted with Reference to the Bill brought
into Parliament for the Appointment of a Taxing Master
for the Court of Chancery in Ireland, and same having
been read to the Meeting,

Mr Graves begged to move that it be received
and adopted & entered on the Minutes, and also that a
vote of thanks was due to their Vice President Mr Goddard
for the exertions made use of by him while in London
on the Subject of the said Bill. & handed in a Resolution
to the foregoing effect, which was seconded by Mr Fretke;
and on the question being put by the Chairman as to its
adoption,

Mr Mayne begged leave to move an Amendment
and enquired what steps the Committee had taken, after the
passing of the Bill in question, and prior to the Appointment
of a Barrister to fill the Office of Taxing Master.

Mr Hinds followed on the same side, and stated he
considered the Committee were to blame, in not calling a
Meeting of the Profession on the Subject, and for not
better economising the funds of the Society.

Mr Mayne then handed in an Amendment to
the following effect

That the thanks of this Meeting are due to the Committee

for their exertions made before the passing of the Bill in question - and that the thanks of the Profession be given to Mr Goddard for his disinterested exertion in opposing that Bill, and that the Report be rejected.

but which not having been seconded, Mr Graves's Resolution passed unanimously, Mr Mayne being the only dissentient. And which Resolution was as follows Resolved That the thanks of this Meeting are due to the Committee for the exertions made use of by them, and the course they adopted in reference to opposing the Bill in question, and also to our esteemed Vice President Mr Goddard for his exertions whilst in London, and that the Report just read be received and adopted, and entered on the Minutes of our proceedings.

The following is the Report which was read to the Meeting.

Special Report of The Committee of
The Society of The Attorneys & Solicitors of Ireland

Your Committee beg leave to observe that it is unusual for the Committee to present a Report at this period of the Year, - but as a very important subject engaged their attention, at the close of the last Session of Parliament, (and just previous to the commencement of the long vacation), they feel it right, instead of waiting for their usual annual Report to present a Special one to the present Meeting.

The Committee accordingly beg leave to state that having in the Month of July last procured a Copy of the Bill brought into Parliament by The Attorney General for Ireland, and Sir Tho^s Freemantle for the appointment of a Taxing Master for the Court of Chancery in Ireland. they took same into their immediate consideration and having examined its provisions addressed a letter to the Attorney General accompanied by a Copy of the Bill in question, altered according to their views and suggestions

The Committee also suggested that the appointment of one Taxing Master would not be sufficient to perform the duties contemplated by the Bill, and that as the Act of the 5th & 6th Vic; Cap: 103 which provides for the appointment of Six Taxing Masters in England, limits such appointments to Solicitors or Attorneys; a similar enactment should be extended to Ireland, and in support of their view, The Committee referred to the letters of Masters Henn & Townsend which were addressed to Lord Chancellor Plunkett on the subject of the Taxation of Chancery Costs and recommending the appointment of Solicitors to the Office of Taxing Masters.

That the House of Commons having appointed that the Bill should be discussed in Committee of the House on Friday Evening the 18th of July, Your Committee prevailed on one of Your Vice Presidents Mr Goddard to go to London and use his best exertions to have the Bill altered according to the suggestions contained in their letter to the Attorney General.

Mr Goddard accordingly left Dublin on the 17th of July, and having reached London early on the next day, waited on the Attorney General who stated he could not make any alterations in the Bill without the consent of the Lord Chancellor, and suggested what had been previously advised by the Committee, that Mr Goddard should call on the Lord Chancellor, which he did the following day, and made such representations to His Lordship, as had been recommended by Your Committee and as he thought advisable but without effect. And Your Committee having anticipated the possibility of such a result, prepared a Petition to be presented to the House of Commons which they sent to Mr Goddard with directions (in such event) to procure its presentation, and he did so through Mr Geo. Alex^r Hamilton, who kindly undertook that duty, and when the Bill was brought under consideration proposed the desired Amendments, which however were negatived without a division. —

It then became necessary to have a Petition presented to the House of Lords and Mr Goddard having waited upon the

the Earl of Wicklow, prevailed upon His Lordship so to do. And His Lordships upon the Bill being brought forward in Committee strenuously advocated the adoption of the amendments proposed by the Petition in which he was supported by the Marquis Clanrickard The Lords Cottenham, Campbell and Langdale (whose Speeches on that occasion appear in the Times and Morning Chronicle of the 5th August) and Lord Wicklow having called for a division of the House, Your Committee regret to state that the proposed Amendments were lost by a Majority of 11- the numbers being

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The Bill was however subsequently altered in the 2^d Clause - first by the Insertion of the words

"Being a Barrister at Law of not less than 10
" years standing at the Bar, or being a solicitor
" who shall for not less than 10 years have practised
" as a Solicitor of the said Court."

And in another part of the same Clause by inserting the words "qualified as aforesaid."

it was also further altered by adding the words

"Buildings of the Four Courts."

in the 12th Clause

Your Committee cannot conclude their Report without expressing their obligations, for the very strenuous and able support given to their Petition in the House of Commons by Mr Geo. Alex^r Hamilton and by Sir Robt. Ferguson, - and in the House of Lords, by the Earl of Wicklow, Marquis of Clanrickard and The Lords Campbell, Cottenham and Langdale, all of whom stated it to be their decided conviction, that the situation of Taxing Master under the proposed Bill should be filled by a Solicitor.

The business of the Meeting having been concluded, Mr. Mayne begged leave to enquire if the Committee had taken any step with regard to searches, & complained of the hardships to which the Profession and the Public were now exposed from the recent changes which had taken place on that subject.

A discussion having arisen, and it having been stated that a special Application was then being made to the Court of Exchequer, by Mr Brewster on behalf of Mr Oldham, on the very point in question, and the Chairman having explained that he conceived the inconveniences complained of by Mr. Mayne, were in a great measure caused by the wording of the Act of Parliament (and which he feared the Court had no power to remedy) it was suggested that it might be advisable before taking any step on the subject to ascertain the decision of the Court on the Application now pending, and it was further recommended that if any Member wished the Committee to take up the Question, it would be advisable that a written Statement should be laid before them, to enable them to judge of the best course to adopt with respect to it.

Richard S. Mico O'Brien
Chairman

Mr Wallace having moved that Mr O'Brien do leave the Chair, & Mr Goddard being unanimously called there to
It was Resolved, That the best thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr O'Brien for his very dignified & proper Conduct in the Chair.

Which was carried unanimously.

Solicitors Room
 — Four Courts - Dublin —
 — Monday 2nd February 1846 —

The usual General Quarterly Meeting of the Members
 of The Society of The Attornies and Solicitors of Ireland
 was held this day / being the first day after Term/.

Mr La Touche having Moved and Mr William
 Henry McElrath having Seconded that Mr Goddard
 do take the Chair.

Mr Goddard in the Chair

Mr Goddard informed the Meeting that they were called together in accordance with the 10th Rule of the Society but believed that no Notice had been given to the Secretary of any Subject to be brought under their consideration and stated that the Annual Report ^{of the Committee} would not be laid before them until after next Easter Term.

Mr Wallace begged leave to refer to the proceedings of the General Meeting of the Society held on the 26th November 1845 when the Rule of the Society which regulated that the General Meetings should be half yearly was / without any previous Notice / altered at said Meeting and quarterly Meetings were then agreed to be held and he submitted that the Rule as it originally stood should now be restored there being no objection in having Meetings when there was not anything to be done and as the Members could at any time be called together when Business required it he considered it very desirable that the Rule as it originally stood should be restored.

Mr La Touche concurred in opinion with Mr Wallace and begged leave to second his Motion.

Mr Luke O'Shea and Mr McCroghan objected to the proposed alteration of the Rule referred to without giving due Notice of it to the Society.

Mr Wallace agreed to have a Notice to that effect posted in the Room previous to the next general Meeting to which period it was decided that the subject should now be adjourned.

Mr Goddard
 Chairman

Mr Harlett having moved that Mr Goddard do leave the Chair and Mr Wallace being called there to and which Motion being seconded by Mr Dix - the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Goddard for his very dignified and proper conduct in the Chair.

Solicitors Room

The General Quarterly Meeting of The Society of
The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland
To receive the annual Report

Saturday the 9 May 1846

Mr O'Shea moved and Mr Hazlett seconded that Mr
Mr Goddard V. P. do take the Chair

Mr Goddard V. P. in the Chair

The Chairman stated the object of the Meeting ^{and that same} ~~of that same~~ was
called in pursuance of the 17th Rule of the Society

The Secretary having read the Report. It was moved by Mr
Graves and seconded by Mr Flood that same be received and
adopted and entered on the Minutes, which was carried unanimously

Report of The Committee of The Society of
The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland
for the year ending 1st May 1846

In appearing before the Society to render an account of the various
matters which have engaged their attention, during their year of office
your Committee beg leave to state, that concurring in opinion with former
Committees of this Society, as well as with the opinion of the profession
generally, that it would be beneficial to have two Taxing Masters
appointed for the Court of Chancery to be selected from our profession:
and, having obtained a copy of a bill which was brought into
Parliament in the latter end of the last Session for the appointment
of a Taxing Master they took the subject into their consideration, and
not only entered into communication with the then Attorney General to
whom they respectfully submitted their views and suggestions, but (deeming
the measure to be one of paramount importance to the profession) prevailed
on one of your Vice Presidents (Mr Goddard) to proceed immediately to
London and use his best exertions to have such alterations and
amendments made therein as seemed to your Committee reasonable
and expedient

The Bill so brought in being for the appointment of one Taxing Master only, without defining any qualification what, your Committee instructed Mr Goddard to submit to the Att^y General that one Taxing Master would not be sufficient to perform the duties of the office and that the bill should contain an enactment similar to that in the English Statute of the 5th and 6th Vict. Cap 103. viz. that such situation should be filled by an Attorney or Solicitor only, likewise to draw the attention of the Attorney General to the Letters of Masters Stern and Townsend which had been addressed to Lord Chancellor Plunket on the Taxation of Chancery Costs whereby the appointment of Solicitors to such Office of Taxing Masters is strongly recommended.

Mr Goddard accordingly waited on the Attorney General in London and was informed by him that he could not make any alterations in the bill without the consent of the Lord Chancellor for Ireland, and it having been suggested that it would be advisable to have an interview with his Lordship on the subject; such interview was obtained, and such representations were then made, as had been suggested by your Committee but without effect; and a petition to the House of Commons having been prepared same was forwarded to Mr Goddard with Instructions to procure its presentation, which he effected through Mr Geo A. Hamilton, who kindly undertook that duty, and when the bill was brought under consideration proposed the desired amendments which however were not carried.

It then became necessary to have a petition presented to the House of Lords, and The Earl of Wicklow having been applied to, and having had the nature of the bill which had been passed on the subject with reference to the English Solicitors, and also the wishes of our profession explained to him, his Lordship in the kindest manner undertook to present the petition, and on the bill being brought forward in Committee his Lordship strenuously advocated the adoption of the amendments proposed and was ably supported by The Marquis of Clanrickard, The Lords Cottenham, Campbell, and Langdale, and other noble peers, (whose speeches on that occasion appear in the Times and Morning Chronicle of the 5th day of August last); and Lord Wicklin having called for a division of the House the proposed amendments were lost only by a small majority. The result however of their exertions so used was that the bill was subsequently altered in the second Clause by enacting that the person to be appointed

Taxing Master should be either a Barrister at Law of not less than 10 years standing at the Bar, or a Solicitor who should for not less than 10 years have practiced as a Solicitor of the said Court.

Your Committee recommend that immediate steps should be taken to have a second Taxing Master appointed as experience has proved that it is not in the power of one such officer, to get thro' the heavy business of that department, within a reasonable time and that very great inconvenience to the public and the profession has already resulted from the delay which takes place in that Office and which is daily increased by the accumulation of untaxed Bills of Costs.

Your Committee have ever since the passing of the act of the 7th and 8th Oct. Cap. 90 been convinced of the necessity of obtaining a Cert. upon the Register of a Judgment or other Security under said Act; and had not the Lord Chancellor and Chief Judges of the Law Courts expressed their opinion to the contrary your Committee would have felt satisfied that their Lordships had power to make the necessary regulation, and to direct such Certificate to be given; And your Committee feel that experience has fully borne out the opinion of the Committee of last year that such Certificate ought to be granted for supposing any error in registering a Judgment or other Security, or an omission altogether to Register it, the Attorney might find it difficult (and at the end of some years perhaps impossible) to establish either the correctness of registration or the delivery to the Officer, of the Memorandum necessary to be delivered to him.

They would therefore recommend to their successors to follow up the matter with a view to have said Act amended in that particular.

Three very important measures having been brought forward in the last Session of Parliament with respect to Service of Law process in England, Ireland, and Scotland, your Committee gave them their best attention; and having carefully examined their provisions prepared a Report ~~embodying the views of the Committee~~ embodying the views of the Committee as to the prejudicial effect which said bills would have upon property in Ireland without considerable alterations and transmitted same to the then Attorney General for Ireland.

and they have the satisfaction to state that the bills in question were withdrawn.

Your Committee in furtherance of the views of the Committee of last year are making exertions to have extended to Ireland some clauses (viz from the 37th to the 43rd inclusive) of the act of 6th and 7th Vict. Chap. 73. entitled "An act for amending the several acts relating to Attorneys and Solicitors practicing in England and Wales" which clauses your Committee consider most important and necessary for the profession in this country: and have accordingly transmitted the draft of a Bill to effect this object to the Solicitor General with the hope that same will be passed during the present Session under the sanction and approval of the Law officers of the Crown.

Your Committee have again presented a Memorial to The Barons of The Exchequer seeking to have alterations and additions made in the Schedule of fees for the Equity side of that Court, which they consider would be just and reasonable and rendered necessary by the recent changes in the practice of that Court: and amongst others that the fees should now be allowed in British Currency as is the case with respect to the Schedule of fees lately adopted by the Judges of the three Law Courts, but to which no reply has as yet been received.

The increase of Stamp duties on Mortgages and Convey^s for sums not exceeding three hundred pounds being found to press heavily on persons in the class of small Traders and Farmers in Ireland. Your Committee endeavoured by a Memorial to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to obtain a reduction of the duty on transact^s of such a description and amount but hitherto without success.

Since the Publication of the last Annual Report a Communication was made to this Society by direction of His Excellency. The Lord Lieutenant with reference to an act passed

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passed by The Governor General of India in Council on the 28 June 1845 whereby the anomaly that had existed with respect to Irish Solicitors not being admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Judicature at Bombay although competent to do so in the Courts of Calcutta and Madras, was removed

A considerable difference of opinion having existed as to the amount of Stamp duty to which Memorial of the Assignments of Judgments were liable, your Committee feel it their duty to have a communication with the proper authorities on the subject: the result of which has been that Memorials of Assignments of Judgments are declared not to be subject to any duty under the 5th and 6th Vict. Chap. 82. but that their liability to Law Fund duty as remains as heretofore

Your Committee having frequently had their attention called to proposals made by Solicitors in England to Solicitors in Ireland to become their Agents in carrying on suits in this Country upon receiving agency charges involving a participation of profits: and being of opinion that acquiescence in such proposals would be equally an infringement of Statute Law as detrimental to the rights and interests of the Profession in Ireland, they deem this a fitting opportunity for the information of the public and of the profession to again give ~~best~~ circulation to a Resolution which was passed on the 10 day of February 1812 with reference to this subject and which was to the following effect

That having every desire to Cooperate with our professional brethren in England in any proposal that should be considered conducive to the elevation of the Character of our profession in each Country - but being adverse to any arrangement which would tend to destroy that independance of Character so absolutely necessary to the Honorable discharge of the duty which we undertake on being admitted Members of

"of the Profession in Ireland, even if we did not consider ourselves bound by Law so to act. We hereby express our unqualified opposition to any such proposal being acquiesced in, and pledge ourselves as a Body not to enter into ^{any} such arrangement"

And your Committee are enabled to state, that their Brethren in England upon consideration of the subject fully acquiesced in the view thus taken by the Profession in this Country.

The Benchers of The Honorable The Society of Kings Inns, having recently taken into their consideration the impropriety of apprentices receiving Salaries during their apprenticeship have adopted new forms of Memorials to be presented to that Society whereby the Master is required to negative the intention of giving and the intended apprentice that of receiving any wages or Salary, either as Clerk or otherwise during such his apprenticeship; and of which arrangement your Committee feel assured this Society will approve.

It is gratifying to your Committee to be enabled to state that applications to the several Courts for admitting apprentices to become Members of the profession under special Circumstances, and before the due expiration of their apprenticeship are now of less frequent occurrence than was the case at the formation of this Society; and likewise that the opposition of the Society to the admission of persons considered ineligible to become Members of the profession is less frequently called for than heretofore: and whilst on this subject your Committee are desirous of expressing their ~~own~~ opinion that if the Law in this Country were as stringent as it is in England it would be very conducive both to the interest of the Public; and the profession generally; and have the effect of putting a stop to the yet too frequent applications to admit persons to practise before being duly qualified.

A spacious and suitable apartment having recently been fitted up as a Library. Your Committee look forward to exertions being now made for procuring an additional collection of works of practical utility to the Members of this Society, and to which also young Gentlemen intending to become Members of the profession, can while serving their apprenticeships be admitted but who by the present regulations of the Kings Inns are precluded from any opportunity of studying in the Library of that Society.

With reference to the binding of The Ordnance Survey of Ireland which was presented to this Society by His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant (as alluded to in the last years Report), Your Committee caused Estimates to be laid before them for that purpose, by several respectable Establishments, with a view of ascertaining the most approved mode of having the work rendered available for immediate use; and it appearing that a sum of upwards of £200 will be required for that purpose Your Committee entertain the hope from the frequent applications made by the Profession to have access to the Maps, that the sum required will be speedily subscribed in order that the binding may be proceeded with.

Your Committee on the part of the Society have to acknowledge several presentations of Books for the use of this Society from some of its Members; and that the Society is indebted to Richard Griffith Esquire for a copy of such portions of the valuation of the several Counties in Ireland as have been published accompanied by a promise of the remainder, when completed.

Your Committee deeming it of importance to obtain the printed votes and proceedings of the House of Lords made application to the Earl of St Germans for that purpose, and his Lordship having kindly complied with their request your committee suitably acknowledged the Compliment on behalf of the Society.

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The Committee of the House of Representatives
 appointed to inquire into the
 affairs of the Department of the Interior
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It was moved by Mr Flood and seconded by Mr Walker that the Report just read be printed and published as the Committee shall direct

The statement of the annual account of the Society having been read by the Secretary

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate 5 Members, not of the Committee, 3 of whom to form a quorum to audit the Societys accounts and report thereon at the next General Meeting to be held on the 13th of June next for the purpose of receiving the Scrutators Report of the Ballot for a Committee and which Ballot is to commence on Monday the 1st of June next

The following auditors were then appointed

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| Mr Parker | Mr Moore |
| Mr Ryan | Mr Wauchob |
| Mr Bell | |

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate 5 Members of the Society to be Scrutators of the Ballot along with the president, vice, presidents and Secretary -

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| Mr Fottrell | Mr Furlong |
| Mr Graves | Mr J. Walker |
| Mr Nixon | |

The Chairman then proposed to the Meeting that Saturday the 13th of June next at the hour of 2 O'clock being the usual day of Meeting, of the Society to receive the report of the auditors of the annual account and also the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot & which was appointed

accordingly,

The following Notice which had been posted in the Solicitors Room having been read by the Secretary viz,

- Take Notice -

That the Subject of Mr Fowlers claim against the late Law Society and which Mr Fowler brought forward at a General Meeting of this Society on the 10th day of May 1842 when it was referred to the Committee to Report thereon. Such Report will be laid before the General Meeting of this Society to be held on the 9th day of May next

(Dated this 29 day of April 1846.

To. The Members of the Society of the Attys & Solrs of Ireland, } By order Edward Des. Secy.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Report referred to and which was as follows.

The Special Report of the Committee of The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland on the Subject of the Claim made by V. B. Fowlers Esquire formerly Secretary to the late Law Society.

At a General Meeting of this Society held on the 10th day of May 1842 Mr Fowler former Secretary to the late Law Society brought forward a claim for a balance of £50:10:6 that appeared due to him on an account Audited by a Sub-committee of the said Society and stated that he had discovered that he had made further payments, Whereupon it was resolved that it should be referred to the Committee of this Society to enquire and report whether said claim was well founded or not and to report to the next General Meeting whether the Society were bound in honor and justice to discharge same.

That Mr Fowler did not further urge of his claim until the 31st day of March 1846 when he again addressed a Letter to your Secretary expressing his wish that it should be laid before your present Committee and requesting payment of the said sum of £50:10:6

That your Committee after further investigating the matter are of opinion that Mr Fowlers said Claim against the late Law Society for the sum of £50:10:6 is well founded and remains due to him, and your Committee feeling that this Society stands in the place of the late Law Society is in justice and honor, bound to pay him that sum. Signed by order and on behalf of the Committee this 6th day of May 1846 - W^m Goddard Ch^m

It was moved by Mr N. A. Dillon and seconded by Mr In^o Ryan and Resolved. That the Report of the Committee with respect to the Claim of Mr V. B. Fowler be adopted, and that accordingly the sum of £50:10:6 ascertained to be due to him be paid to him by order of the Committee out of the Funds of this Society.

The Chairman having put the question as to passing the foregoing Resolution and some dissent having been expressed he again put the question on it when it was decided that the resolution was carried by the Majority.

The Subject of purchasing Books for the Library and as to the best mode to be adopted for raising a Fund for that purpose and also for the Binding of the Ordnance Survey; the following Resolution was proposed by Mr Murdock Green and seconded by Mr Thomas Babington (and after some discussion as to including the Binding of the Ordnance Maps) was carried unanimously. viz

Resolved. That a Committee of six persons be appointed to canvass for and collect subscriptions for the purchase of Books for the Library or for Binding the Ordnance Maps and to report the result to the next quarterly Meeting.

Thomas Babington -

Murdock Green

Chas^r F. Johnson.

Arthur Barlow

Luke O'Shea

Thomas Franks

A Requisition to the following effect was then handed to the Chairman who suggested to the Meeting that it might be advisable not to specify any time for calling the proposed Meeting but leave it to the Trustees and the Committee of the Charter Fund to arrange that point and which was agreed to.

"WE the undersigned Subscribers to the Fund called 'The Charter Fund' request the trustees to convene a Meeting of the subscribers to take into consideration the best mode of disposing of said Fund -

Dated 9th May 1846.

W. H. Jackson

Murdock Green

Sam^l Wauchob

Thomas Babington

R. A. Walker

Richard Scott

John Hazlett

John Collum

James Elliott

In^o McAlister

At this period of the proceedings Mr Ford addressed the Chairman and stated that he wished it to be understood that he was about to take Mr Farquhar as an apprentice notwithstanding the opposition which had been given to that gentleman being bound as an apprentice both by this Society, and also by The Benchers and stated that he would give him a Salary.

The Chairman informed Mr Ford that his doing so would be contrary to the recent regulations made by the Benchers with reference to apprentices, and to which observation Mr Ford replied by stating that the regulations alluded to had not emanated solely from The Benchers but had been suggested by this Society and that the order to which Mr Goddard referred was in that respect as regarded The Benchers like an order of The Lord Chancellor made by and with the concurrence of His Honor the Master of The Rolls and in which latter position he considered this Society stood with reference to the order alluded to

The high respectability of Mr Farquhar was borne testimony to by several Gentlemen present.

The Chairman then announced that the Business of the Meeting was concluded.

Comp.

Mr Goddard

Clk.

Mr Twilong moved that Mr Goddard do leave the Chair and that R. J. J. Orpen Esq do take same which being seconded by Mr James Percival Graves. It was moved

That the marked thanks of the Meeting be given to Mr Goddard for his very dignified conduct in the Chair and for his exertions on all occasions to forward the interests of the profession

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Solicitors Room
Saturday 13th June 1846

General Meeting of the Society (being the first after term)

This day having been appointed at the General Meeting of this Society held on the 9th of May ult^o to receive the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot also of the Auditor of the annual Account.

Mr Babington being called to the Chair

The Secretary read from the Newspapers the advertisement convening the Meeting, and then proceeded to read the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot which was as follows.

The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors
of Ireland

Report of the President, Vice-presidents, and
other Scrutators appointed to preside over the
Ballot for a Committee of this Society

We the Scrutators in pursuance of the Resolution entered into at the quarterly Meeting of this Society held on Saturday the 9th day of May last at the Solicitors Room have to report as follows

That said Ballot commenced on Monday the 1st day of June Inst. and was continued until Wednesday the 3rd Inst. having remained open from 11 to 4 O'clock each day and we find the result of the Scrutiny of said Ballot to be as follows viz

That 91 Members balloted, and that after striking off such Members of the Outgoing Committee as the provision of the 19th Rule of this Society was applicable to the undernamed Gentlemen having the Number of Votes severally attached to their Names do form the Committee for the year to terminate on the 1st of May 1847.

Socias

1	Isaac Dunn	88	17	John Flood	65
2	William Goddard	84	18	Thomas Frankes	63
3	Rich ^d S. F. Orpen	84	19	Howard Green	62
4	Rich ^d Meade	81	20	Robert Power	61
5	John Tho ^s . Keft	79	21	Richard Scott	60
6	Thomas Babington	78	22	Rich ^d H. Duckett	40
7	Wm ^r B. Wallace	78	23	Wells St. Meredy	28
8	J. Digges La Touche	76	24	William Neilson	24
9	Cha ^s Gausson	72	25	Adam J. Macroy	21
10	Arthur Barlow	70	26	James P. Graves	18
11	John Orpin	69	27	John Saddleir	16
12	John Collum	68	28	Peter H.C. Gartlan	15
13	John W. Hahon	68	29	John Greene	15
14	John Hazlett	67	30	David Bell	13
15	Edward Reeves	67	31	James L. O'Beirne	13
16	Rich ^d A. Wacker	66			

And that the following are the 10 names having the next greatest number of votes on the Ballot after the Committee and as such eligible to fill up any vacancies that may occur during the year.

1	John Lilton	12	6	John Galloway	9
2	Terence J. Dolan	11	7	Richard Babington	8
3	Will ^m Furlong	10	8	Joseph Holmes	8
4	J. E. Roach	10	9	Andrew Newton	8
5	John Birney	9	10	Sam ^l S. Reeves	7

Which we submit as our Report this 4th day
of June 1846

Wm. Goddard Vice President
James Nixon
Jas P. Graves
Sam^l Wacker
Geo. D. Folwell

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It was moved by Mr G. F. Johnson and seconded by Mr
Thos Franks and
Resolved. That the Report which has just been read by
the Secretary be received and adopted and entered
on the Minutes

The Secretary then proceeded to read the Statement of the
Annual Account of the Society which had been submitted to the
Auditors appointed at the last General Meeting and which had
been vouched examined and found correct and was entered in
the Leger kept for that purpose, in his office and had been
duly signed by the Auditors

Mr Thos Foley requested the Secretary to particularize
the Salaries paid to each, and likewise the wages paid to each
of the Servants and objected to the amount of the Salary paid
to the Secretary.

Mr Pelham Mayne also objected to the same Item of
Expenditure.

Mr Goddard and Mr Meade explained that it had
been referred specially to a Sub-committee to inquire into the
duties to be performed by the Secretary and to report as to what
would be fair and reasonable compensation for his services in
the way of Salary and that the Committee had decided on the
Amount to be paid

Mr Richd Scott bore testimony to the satisfactory man-
ner in which the duties were discharged and also that the
Secretarys entire time was occupied by the business of the Society
and that he was therefore debarred from practicing as a Member
of the profession for his own benefit and that he by no means
considered the Secretary to be over paid.

Mr David Pell agreed in opinion with Mr Scott and
objected that the time of the Meeting should be taken up in listening
to Mr Maynes speeches & as neither Mr Foley nor Mr Mayne pro-
posed any Resolution on the subject the discussion ceased and
Mr Stephen Gordon moved the adoption of the Auditors Report of
the accounts and which having been seconded by Mr Thos Franks
was carried.

The Secretary then read the Resolution which was
passed at the last General Meeting of the Society with reference

to Collecting funds for the new Library and also for binding The Ordnance Survey ^{Maps} of Ireland, when it was suggested and approved of that no further Steps should be taken at present until the intent of the Bench of the Kings Inns with respect to the Memorial lately presented for a Grant to the Library of this Society shall have been first ascertained.

There not being any other business to engage the attention of the Meeting the Chairman was requested to leave the Chair.

Thos. B. Wellington
Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Goddard that Mr Babington do leave the Chair and Mr Harlell being called thereto the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr B. for his very dignified conduct in the Chair.

Solicitors Room

Four Courts. Dublin

Thursday the 26th Nov 1846

The General ~~Meeting~~ ^{Meeting} (after Term) of the Members of The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland

Mr Johnston moved that Mr Goddard do take the Chair which being seconded by Mr Baker was carried unanimously.

Mr Goddard in the Chair

The Secretary stated that the Meeting had been advertised in the usual way.

No Notice having been furnished to the Secretary of any Subject to be brought forward by any Member of the Society.

The Secretary stated that with reference to the Memorial presented to the Kings Inns in last Trinity Term for a Grant to the Library of this Society the following answer had been received.

Kings Inns

Dear Sir.

16th Nov 1846

I beg to enclose a Copy of the Resolⁿ of the Benchers made on reading the Report of the Library Committee on the Mem^l presented on behalf of the Attorneys and Sol^{rs} last Trinity Term. I am D^r Sir Yours Truly
Edw^d Ples Esq^r Cormack E. Dobbs

Monday the 2nd Novr 1846

Resolved That the Duplicate Books named in the list annexed to the Report of the Library Committee be handed over to the Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland and that a sum of £500 be granted to the said Society for the purchase of Books for their Library but that the Benchers cannot comply with that part of the prayer of the Memorial which seeks an annual Grant conceiving that their Library should be kept up out of the funds of that Society

The Secretary then begged leave to inform the Subscribers to the O'Loghlin Testimonial Fund that a letter had been received from Mr Moore the Sculptor on the subject of the Statue and which was as follows

22 Howland St. Fitzroy Square
28th October 1846

My Dear Sir

I shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in Dublin about the close of next month and of offering to the Committee for the O'Loghlin Testimonial a sketch model for the Statue I have every reason to think that the delay which has taken place is more likely to be an advantage than otherwise and trust the Committee have made some exertions to swell the amount of the Fund so unusually small for such an elaborate and costly performance as they require

I have the Honor to remain
My Dear Sir faithfully yours
Christopher Moore

Mr Goddard requested such Gentlemen (then present) as had been appointed in the month of May last to collect Subscriptions for the purchase of Books for the Library and also for the Pending of the Ordnance survey to make a return of what they had collected in pursuance of said Resolution

Mr Johnston handed in the following Letter to Account for the result of his exertions

Sir - In reference to the resolution of the 9th of May whereby I was appointed to collect Subscriptions for the Library and binding maps I have to state to the Meeting that I did not succeed in collecting any sum for either of those Funds

Edw'd Hles Coque

C. F. Johnston
26th Novr 1846

Mr Luke O'Shea being called on to make a return of what he had collected for the same purpose stated that he had received 8 or 10 pounds and that he would make a return tomorrow of the names of the gentlemen from whom he had received it and further stated that he considered it a hardship that those members who did not subscribe to the Fund for the purchase of Books had just as much advantage from the use of the Library as those gentlemen who had paid their pounds for that special purpose (independent of their annual subscription)

Mr O'Shea then handed in a notice to the following effect which he stated his intention of bringing forward at the next General Meeting of this Society

(Copy Notice)

Mr O'Shea gives notice that he will move on the next day of meeting that the sum of 5⁰/₄ shall be paid by each member in addition to his present annual subscription for the purpose of providing a fund for the purchase of Books for the Library of this Society and maintaining same

Wm Goddard
Ch.

Mr La Touche having moved that Mr Goddard do leave the Chair and Mr Wallace being called thereto the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Goddard for his very dignified conduct in the Chair

While Mr Wallace was in the Chair Mr Richd Scott took occasion to state his intention of bringing forward a Motion at the next General Meeting of the Society that the Reporters be admitted to attend their meetings in future and Report their proceedings and that he would have a Notice posted to that effect in proper time before the next General Meeting

Mr Gartlan stated that he quite coincided in opinion with Mr Scott on the subject and it having been suggested that half yearly instead of quarterly Meetings (as were originally established at the formation of this Society) would be better attended and answer every purpose required - Mr Gartlan stated he was quite of that opinion and suggested that a Notice to that effect might

likewise be given previous to the next meeting and recommended
Mr Wallace to move it -

Solicitors Room

Four Courts, Dublin

Saturday 30th January 1847

The usual General Quarterly Meeting of the
Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland

Mr Goddard being called to the Chair

Mr Goddard informed the Meeting that he considered
it right to state that in consequence of an error in Smiths
Almanack ^{for the present year} which stated yesterday to have been the last day of
term, instead of Monday next, this Meeting had been by such
mistake advertised to be held on the wrong day, as it should
of right (and in accordance with the rules of the Society) be
held on Tuesday next ~~next~~ he wished to take the opinion of
the Meeting on the course now to be adopted in consequence
namely, whether they would now pass a Resolution suspending
such Rule on the present occasion in consequence of the fatality
which had occurred and at once proceed to business or adjourn
the meeting until the proper day Tuesday next

Mr Gardiner thought it would be better to adjourn until
Wednesday next so as to afford sufficient time for publishing
and giving due notice of the adjournment

Mr Wallace objected to the day being changed from
Tuesday to Wednesday as the same objection might then be
urged to holding it as was now raised - namely, that such
would not be in accordance with the Rules of the Society -

It was suggested that sufficient notice might be given
by having it advertised in the Saunders and Freemans Journal both
on Monday and Tuesday next which it was agreed to

W. Latouche

Mr La Touche then moved that the Meeting do accordingly adjourn until two O'clock on Tuesday the 2nd of February which motion being seconded by Mr Walker was put by the Chairman and carried

Mr Goddard then left the Chair and the Meeting broke up

Solicitors Room
Four Courts - Dublin
Tuesday the 2nd Feby 1847

(Meeting pursuant to adjournment on the 30th (1846))

The General Meeting (after Term) of the Members of the Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland

Mr Hazlett moved that Mr Goddard do take the Chair but Mr Goddard not being able to remain during the Meeting Mr Rich^d O'Keefe was requested to preside

Mr O'Keefe in the Chair

The Notice calling the Meeting having been read,

The Secretary proceeded to read a letter received from Mr L. O'Shea since the last General Meeting of this Society which was as follows,

Dear Sir,

5 Upper Sherwood St

26 November 1846.

I have received the following subscriptions for the purchase of Books for the Society's Library and regret much that during the period I was soliciting subscriptions that I met with several refusals upon different grounds too numerous now to mention which has induced some of the subscribers and myself to believe that unless there is a compulsory annual charge from 5^s to 10^s from each Member of the Society that the fund for the Library will be very deficient

Edw. J. Nes Esq

Yours truly

Luke O'Shea

Mr D. O. Fisher £1:0:0

Mr Wm G. Newman 1:0:0

Mr John Martin 1:0:0

Mr James Meares 1:0:0

Mr John Harkan 10:0

carried forward £ 4:10:0

carried forward £ 4:10:0 179

Mr E. A. Barron 10:0

Mr A. O. Hagan 10:0

Mr Jno F. Armstrong 10:0

Mr Rich^d Waller 10:0

Mr Jno W. Brien 10:0

£7:0:0

Mr Hazlett moved and Mr Walker seconded That the thanks of this Society be given to Mr O Shea for his exertions in collecting Subscriptions towards the Library fund

Which was carried unanimously

The Secretary read Mr O Shea's notice of motion which had been duly posted in the Solicitors Room and which was as follows.

Mr Luke O Shea gives Notice that he will on the next day of a General Meeting of this Society move That the sum of 5^s shall be paid by each Member in addition to his present annual subscription for the purpose of providing a fund for the purchase of Books for the Library of this Society and maintaining same

Dated this 19th day of January 1847.

Signed. L. O Shea

Mr D. O. Fisher begged leave to second Mr O Shea's motion

Mr Hazlett opposed the motion as he considered this a bad time for encreasing the Subscription to this Society, and that as the Society had now at its disposal a sum of £ 500 for the purchase of Books which had been lately voted for that purpose from the funds of the Kings Inns Society he did not therefore approve of Mr O Shea's Motion at the present period

Mr O Shea suggested under these circumstances that the money he collected should be returned to the parties who had given it to him

Mr Pike opposed such a proposition and was rather in favor of lowering than raising the Subscription to this Society and stated that if Mr O Shea's Motion was carried he would retire from the Society altogether

The Chairman then put the question on Mr O Shea's Motion which was declared to be lost by a Considerable Majority.

The following notice which had been posted in the Solicitors Room by Mr Richard Scott having been read by the Secretary

as follows

The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland

Mr Richard Scott gives Notice that he will at the next General Meeting of the Society which will be held on Saturday the 30th day of January Instant. move the following Resolution

Resolved, That all Members of the press desirous of attending at the General Meetings of the Society for the purpose of reporting the proceedings of the Society at such meetings or adjournments of same, be permitted to attend for such purpose

Dated this 19th day of January 1847.

Signed, Rich^d Scott.

The Secretary read a letter he had received from Mr Scott on the subject of it and which was to the following effect

My Dear Sir

28 January 1847.

I am laid up with the Gout and can't stir out, I must therefore withdraw my notice about admitting the press to our quarterly Meeting unless some other Member wishes to move it

Yours very truly, Richard Scott

Edw^d Esq^r

Secy. 4 Courts

Mr Gartlan stated that in the absence of Mr Scott he would move the subject of his Notice and which being seconded by Mr Pike and the Chairman put the question on it when a division was called and the Votes on both sides having been counted the Motion was declared to be lost by a considerable majority.

Mr Wallace then moved the subject of the following Notice which had been duly posted by him in the Sol^r Room

The Society of The Attorneys and
Solicitors of Ireland,

Mr Wallace gives Notice that he will move at the next General Meeting of this Society That the 16th ^{be restored and that for the future there shall be only 2 Gen^l} General Rule of this Society in each year as thereby provided, and that the resolution passed at the General Meeting of the Society held on the 26th day of November 1842. altering said 16th Rule be rescinded

Dated this 19th day of January 1847

Signed, W. D. Wallace

and having fully explained the Motions which led to his proposing it, Mr Neilson (of the Committee) begged leave to second it

Messrs Walker, Mayne & Hazlett expressed themselves as being opposed to it as did also Mr Gartlan who stated that if Mr

Scotts

Scotts Motion had been carried for the admission of the press to report their proceedings he would in such case have considered two general Meetings of the Society in each year quite sufficient -

Mr Wallace's motion was then declared by the Chairman to have been lost

Mr Walker moved that Mr Owen do leave the Chair and Mr Wm Twining having been called thereto the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Owen for his very proper and dignified conduct in the Chair.

General Meeting of The Subscribers to the Charter
Fund Convened by Circular addressed to each & held
at The Solicitors Room on Saturday the
_____ 1st day of May 1847. _____
of which Circular the following is a copy -

Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts.

Sir

Dublin. - 24 April 1847.

The Charter fund Committee (elected on the 30th of June 1836) have directed me to inform you that a Meeting of the Subscribers to that fund will be held in the Solicitors Room at the Four Courts, Dublin, on Saturday, the 1st day of May next when the following proposition will be submitted for their approval viz.

That a sum of £150 part of said fund be applied to the purpose of completing the Binding of the Ordnance Survey Maps of Ireland, presented by the Lord Lieutenant to the Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors

The Chair to be taken at 3 O'Clock precisely

By order,

Edward Nes - Secretary

Moved by Mr Bell and seconded by Mr ~~Pell~~ Reeves

That Mr Goddard do take the Chair

Mr Goddard in the Chair

For full particulars of what took place at said Meeting see Same entered in the Charter Committee Book at page 102

Note. A Resolution to the foregoing effect was moved and carried -

Edw. Nes - Secy

Solicitors Room
Four Courts. Dublin

The usual General Quarterly Meeting of
The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of
Ireland

To receive the Annual Report &c
Monday the 10th of May 1847

Mr Walker moved and Mr Hazlett seconded that Mr
Goddard do take the Chair

Mr Goddard in the Chair

The Chairman stated the object of the Meeting, and that same,
was called in pursuance of the 17th Rule of the Society

The Secretary having read the Report, It was moved by
Mr W. St. Jackson and seconded by Mr Reeves, that same be received
and adopted of the Report, and that same be entered in the Minutes
which was carried unanimously

Report of The Committee of The Society of The
Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland
For the year ending 1st of May 1847.
Being the 6th Report of the Society.

Your Committee in submitting to the Society the several matters
which have occupied their attention during their period of office have to
report that (following up the recommendation of the former Committee) "That
Steps should be taken to have a second Taxing Master appointed for the Court
of Chancery" and in order to shew the necessity which existed for such an appoint-
ment they caused certain returns to be moved for in the House of Commons
which returns were made by the Taxing Master on the 3rd of July last
from which it appeared there was then "an accumulation of 1487 untaxed
Bills of Costs in that Office; and that out of 1030 Bills which had been
handed over by the four Masters, only 198 had been taxed and certified, leaving
832 untaxed" and the Taxing Master certified "That the number and length
of the Bills of Costs had been so great that it was totally impossible for

"One Taxing Master to perform the duties of the office which would fully occupy the time of a second and of two additional Clerks at the least"

Your Committee thereupon presented a Memorial to The Lord Chancellor and Master of The Rolls urging the pressing necessity for the immediate appointment of a second Taxing Master, and two additional Clerks, & shewing that an ample fund existed for the payment of the salaries of such additional Master and Clerks, as the Chancery fund duty paid on the taxed costs and on ^{the} Summonses issued for their taxation during the 8 months previous to presenting said Memorial⁺ amounted to a sum of £4000, the present annual expences of the office, not being as your Committee believe much more than half that sum. A Deputation from your Committee having been thereupon favored with an interview by the Lord Chancellor and the Master of The Rolls pressed on their Lordships the necessity of having a bill introduced into the House of Commons for the appointment of a second Taxing Master; when the Lord Chancellor recommended, that copies of the Memorial and return should be sent to The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary of Ireland which was accordingly done, and your Committee regret being obliged to state they are not aware that any step has been taken to remove those just causes of complaint, affecting not their profession only, but seriously affecting the interests of Sutors, ^{+ vide appendix nos.}

With reference to the Memorial presented to the Barons of the Exchequer, referred to in the last Annual Report of the Society, your Committee have to state that an order was made by that Court in the month of June last whereby the fees in the Schedule of 1843 and numbered 100 51 & 53, have been augmented and a fee of 5/ added "for drawing and signing Memorandum against a defendant under the 10th General Order" and likewise a fee of 6/2 "for attendance upon each Defendant who shall call upon the plaintiff's Attorney to read copy bill" but none of the other alterations sought for were made.

In the Month of December last your Committee presented a Memorial to The Lord Chancellor to have the Solicitor's fees which were originally aliquot parts of a pound allowed as such in the present Currency as now established in the Courts of Law, and in their Memorial referred to a Letter received from Lord Chancellor Plunket in answer to a similar Memorial from the late Law Society in the year 1831. in which His Lordship stated

"That

That it did not appear to him that any regulation could be adopted applying to the Solicitors of the Court of Chancery distinguished from the Gentlemen who practice in the Law Courts, but that if any application should be made to the Judges on their parts, his Lordship would be ready to communicate with them on the subject.

From which it would appear that Lord Plunket considered that the fees of the practitioners of the Courts of Law and Equity should be on the same scale, and your Committee stated their expectation, that taking into consideration that the Emoluments of Solicitors had been reduced by recent alterations in the practice and proceedings of the Court, and that in England where the business is so much greater, than in Ireland, the Solicitors are paid their fees in aliquot parts of a pound sterling, the claim of Memorialists should be allowed: but your Committee have to state that they have lately received an intimation from The Lord Chancellor's Secretary that the suggested alteration in the schedule of fees has not been approved of.

On this Subject your Committee may be permitted to call to the recollection of their profession a meeting of the Judges which took place on the 2nd of February 1835, at the Kings Inns, in consequence of a Memorial presented to them on behalf of the profession with respect to payment of their fees in the present currency, but such alteration having been then claimed, as a matter of right, the Judges decided that although they could not accede to the prayer of the Memorialst it was in their power to make new Schedules of fees and Charges for these Courts. Subsequently the Judges of the Law Courts did make the alteration as to fees which your Committee had sought for in the Courts of Chancery, and Exchequer, but they are unable to afford their Profession any explanation why their suggestions to the Courts of Equity have not been approved of; or why a difference should not exist in this point between the Courts of Law and Equity.

Your Committee having felt the great hardship and loss to which Sutors of the Court of Chancery, and the profession were subjected by reason of the 168th General Order which directs "That on the Taxation of Costs no sum whatever shall be allowed by any of the Masters for the attendance of Counsel before them on reference under any decree or order unless the Master shall have entered in his Book his approbation of the attendance of Counsel at the time such attendance took place, and a copy of such entry is produced to the Master who is taxing such Costs,

And in no case shall the Master permit more than one Counsel to appear for one party" having been strictly enforced, on the Taxation of Costs when it had not been as strictly attended to in the Master's Chambers. presented a Memorial to the Lord Chancellor and Master of the Rolls to have that order modified, or altered to such an extent as would remedy the evil complained of, and a Deputation from your Committee waited on the Lord Chancellor, and the Master of the Rolls on the subject. the result of which was that a new general order was promulgated on the 5th of April last, which rescinded the rule in question so far as regarded business, theretofore done in the offices of Masters Keen and Litton, but left matters as they were with reference to business done in the offices of Masters Townsend and Gould and made regulations for the future. But your Committee feeling that the new order, so far as related to the offices of Masters Townsend and Gould has been made through misapprehension of the facts, and would inflict serious injury on the profession have presented a further Memorial* to the Lord Chancellor on the subject, which is now under consideration and which they hope will produce a satisfactory result.

Your Committee following the recommendation of the Committee of last year with respect to the amendment of the act, of 7th and 8th Victoria Cap. 90. for the registration of judgments caused a petition to be presented to the House of Commons, in the month of June last, on the subject, and also had certain returns moved for with a view of shewing the great delay in obtaining searches from that office, which returns were moved for and ordered towards the close of the last session of Parliament, but your Committee are not aware that such returns have as yet been made.

Your Committee also prepared the Draft of a Bill for the Amendment of said Act with respect to the Registrar granting a certificate on the registration of a judgment which they submitted to the Lord Chancellor and which they have reason to think has met with his Lordship's approbation and that it has been confided to the Solicitor General with whom your Committee have recently been in communication, and they expect that a bill will be brought forward, with the sanction of the Government which will remedy many of the evils complained of, and be found beneficial to the public, and satisfactory to the profession.

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They also addressed a Memorial to the Lord Chancellor and the Chief Justice, the Master of The Rolls and the Chief Baron praying that Duplicate Books might be prepared for the use of the office to expedite the making of searches, and your Committee have the satisfaction to state that such Duplicate Books have been ordered accordingly.

Your Committee following out the views of former Committees of this Society with reference to the act 6th and 7th Vict. cap. 73. entitled "An act for consolidating and amending several of the Laws relating to attorneys and Solicitors practicing in England and Wales" and the exertions made by them to have certain clauses of that act extended to this Country deputed a few of their Members, in the month of January last to submit a draft of a Bill for that purpose to the Lord Chancellor, and the Master of The Rolls, and to state their views on the subject, which Deputation waited on their Lordships accordingly, and the bill appearing to meet with their approval, has been placed in the hands of the Solicitor General for the purpose of being introduced into Parliament, and your Committee have been in communication with him on the subject.

The Masters of the several Law Courts having ordered ^{that} the requisitions under the late Law Courts act for rules and other proceedings should be on parchment, which imposed an unnecessary expense on the profession, an order has recently been made by the Court of Queen's Bench directing such requisitions to be on paper, and it being desirable that a similar practice should be adopted by the other Courts, your Committee on the 11th ultimo, presented a Memorial⁺ to the Judges and also prayed their Lordships to make regulations assimilating the practice of the three Law Courts in other particulars in which it is admitted that uniformity of practice, would be desirable, and to which former Committees of this Society had from time to time called the attention of their Lordships, but as yet no reply has been given to the Memorial.

The state of legal Education in England and Ireland having been referred to a Committee of the House of Commons in the last session of Parliament, your Committee were favored with letters on the subject from Tho^s Wyse and Geor^ge A Hamilton Esqrs Members of that Committee, but as these letters were received only a few days before the closing of the Examination of Witnesses on the subject, your Committee were unable to ascertain with any degree of accuracy, the objects proposed to be effected by such inquiry -

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They did however offer such suggestions as the limited time for consideration would admit and a member of your Committee who was in London at the time was examined but your Committee are not aware that any specific proposition has been as yet submitted to parliament grounded upon that inquiry

A question having lately arisen as to the right of a Solicitor concerned for a minor to prepare Leases to be executed under the Court of Chancery, in pursuance of the 17th Section of the 1st Wm IV. Cap 65 your Committee communicated with the Master in whose Office the question arose, and he has approved of such leases being prepared by the Solicitor.

A Bill to abolish arrest in Ireland on final process for sums under £20. having been lately introduced into the House of Commons, and your Committee considering the measure objectionable in many respects, communicated their views to the Sol^r General and the promoters of the measure, and the bill has been withdrawn

Your Committee have to state that an apprentice having applied to the Lord Chancellor to be admitted a Solicitor without having been previously admitted an Attorney, your Committee on behalf of the Society, deemed it imperative upon them to oppose the application which His Lordship was pleased to refuse.

Your Committee felt called upon to oppose the application of another Gentleman which ~~His Lordship was pleased to~~ made to the Barons of the Exchequer in last Hilary Term, under circumstances which in the opinion of your Committee, afforded very strong grounds of objection to the admission of the applicant. The Court however was pleased to admit the Gentleman alluded

It is subject of regret to your Committee that the Rules and regulations of the Courts in this Country are by no means so stringent as in England with respect to the admission into the profession of persons not duly qualified, and who in fact, have not bona fide served regular apprenticeships. This laxity they consider detrimental, not only to the interest of duly qualified practitioners, but to the public at large, and your Committee consider it might be remedied by some legislative enactment, which would have the effect of relieving the Courts from the exercise of a discretion too frequently imposed upon, and lead to the Establishment of uniformity of practice by the several Courts in dealing with such cases should it be considered by the

the Legislature inexpedient to abolish such discretionary power altogether.

The Honorable The Benchers having upon an application from this Society been pleased to allocate a sum of £500 for the purchase of Books for the Library, a selection of such works as may prove of practical utility is under consideration, and your Committee have also to acknowledge the receipt from the Kings Arms Library by order of the Benchers of several Duplicate Editions of Works, which had been in that Library.

Your Committee, on behalf of the Society, have to acknowledge presentations of the following Books viz from J. W. Laxleton, Esqre his recent work on the Law of Judgments, and from John Dalton Esqre a copy of his History of Ireland, containing much valuable information, and calculated to facilitate research in cases of an antiquarian connected with corporate and Ecclesiastical records as well as with those of peerage, private pedigrees, Charities, and similar subjects.

The Publishers of the Daily Law and Equity List, having requested the opinion of your Committee, as to the probable convenience and advantage to the profession and the public, should the Masters and Chief Remembrancer direct an insertion of all postings for Creditors to appear in said List, your Committee intimated to the Publishers their approval of the suggestion, and expressed a hope that so long as the publication should be conducted in its present very satisfactory and efficient state, it would meet with favor and support from the profession.

Index to the Several Memorials &c referred to in the foregoing Report

Subject of the Memorial	When forwarded	To whom sent	Reference and Observations
For the appointment of a second tax of Masters	21 July 1846	Lord Chancellor and Master of The Rolls	See facs Minute Book, pa. 207.
Chancery fees in British currency	Dec ^r 1846	The S ^t Chancellor	D ^o pa. 237.

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Subject of the Mem ^o .	When forwarded	To whom sent	Reference and Observations -
To augment fees in Equity Exchequer	22 nd Nov. 1845	The Barons of The Exchequer	See Minute Book page 126
To modify the 168 th General order	19 Decr 1845	The Ld Chancellor and Master of The Rolls	D ^o 248.
Further Memorial as to past Cases in offices of Masters Townsend and Gould under 168 th Order	21 st April 1847.	The Lord Chan ^{ce}	D ^o . 317.
Petition to Parlia- ment to amend the Judgment Act	present by Geo A. Hamilton Esq 11 June 1845	House of Commons	For copy Petition see Minutes Page 178.
To assimilate and alter practice of three Law Courts	12 April 1847.	The Chief Justices and Lord Chief Baron	D ^o 311

It was moved by Mr Scott and seconded by Mr Jackson that the Report just read be printed and published as the Com- mittee shall direct

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate 5 Members (not of the Committee) (3 of whom to form a quorum) to audit the Society's Accounts and Report thereon at the next General Meeting to be held on or on the 1st June next for the purpose of receiving the Scrutator's Report of the Ballot for a Committee and which Ballot is to commence on Tuesday the 1st of June next

The following Auditors were then appointed

Mr Philips Montgomery	Mr W. H. Jackson
Mr Hugh Simpson	Mr Jas Lowley
Mr Luby	

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The Chairman then proceeded to nominate 5 members of the Society to be Scrutators of the Ballot, along with the president vice presidents, and secretary

Mr Jas Cowley

Mr Frans Ferguson

Mr Geo. Provier

Mr Jas Barry

Mr Mc Chintock

The Chairman then proposed to the Meeting that Monday the 14th of June next at the hour of two o'clock being the usual day of Meeting of the Society to receive the Report of the auditors of the annual account, and also the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot and which was appointed accordingly

Mr Hazlett moved that Mr Goddard do leave the Chair, and that Mr John Flood do take same which being seconded by Mr Walker was carried Unanimously.

Solicitors Room

The General Quarterly Meeting of The Society
of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland
To receive the annual ^{account} account.

Monday the 14th day of June 1847

This day having been appointed at the General Meeting of the Society held on the 10th day of May ultimo to receive the report of the Scrutators of the Ballot and also of the auditors of the Annual account

Mr Goddard not being able to attend the Meeting
Mr Reeves moved and Mr Barlow seconded that Mr
Owen do take the Chair

Richard J. Theo. Owen in the Chair

The Secretary commenced the proceedings of the day by
reading the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot

It was moved by Mr Scott and seconded by Mr Robt
Power that the Report just read be received adopted and entered on
the Minutes

The Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors of
Ireland
Report of Messrs. Cowley, Crozier, McClinton, Ferguson
and Parry together with the President, Vice-presidents, and
Secretary of the Society being the Scrutators appointed to
superintend over the Ballot for a Committee for the year
— ending 1st May 1847 —

We the Scrutators in pursuance of the Resolution entered
into at the quarterly Meeting of this Society held on Monday the 10th of
May 1847 at the Solicitors Room have to Report as follows

That said Ballot commenced on Tuesday the 1st of June Inst
and was continued until Thursday the 3rd Inst having remained open
from 11 to 4 O'clock each day, and we find the result of the Scrutiny
of said Ballot to be as follows viz

That 70 members balloted and that after striking off such
Members of the outgoing Committee as the provision of the 12th Rule
of this Society was applicable to, the undenamed gentlemen having

having the number of votes severally attached to their names do form the Committee for the year to terminate on the 1st of May 1848—

No	Names	Votes	No	Names	Votes
1	Josias Dunn	61	17	Richard Scott	46
2	Willm Goddard	61	18	David Bell	45
3	Richard Meade	61	19	Rich ^d M. Duckett	40
4	John T. Keft	60	20	John Orpin	40
5	Rich ^d J. Theo. Orpin	60	21	John Green	39
6	Tho ^s Babington	57	22	John Galloway	19
7	Arthur Barlow	54	23	Wm J. Cooper	17
8	Charles Gaussen	54	24	E. J. Smith	13
9	Wm B. Wallace	54	25	Sir Mat Barrington	11
10	Rich ^d A. Walker	52	26	John Mantwell	10
11	Edward Reeves	51	27	Wm Ford	10
12	John Colburn	50	28	Ralph Scott	10
13	Robert Power	49	29	James Cowley	9
14	John Hazlett	48	30	Tho ^s Mostyn	9
15	Theo ^s D. La Touche	48	31	Henry Flood	7
16	Murdock Green	47			

And that the following are the 10 members having the next greatest number of votes on the Pollot after the Committee and as such eligible to fill up any vacancies that may occur during the year

No	Names	Votes	No	Names	Votes
1	John Littord	8	6	James Meares	7
2	Henry Flood John	7	7	Robert Murdock	7
3	Wm Furlong	7	8	Stowell Webb	7
4	Joseph Stone Junr	7	9	Edwin Pattersby	6
5	John Julian	7	10	Willm Dix	6

Which we submit as our Report this 5th day of June 1847

James Cowley

George Crozier

Jan^s Ferguson

Alex^r McChitock

Edw^d Alex^r Secy.

The Secretary then read the statement of the annual account of the Society which had been examined by the auditors and by them duly vouched and signed and found to be correct and entered as usual in the Leger kept for that special purpose in the Secretarys Office.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Auditors which had just been read be received and adopted

The following Notice which had been posted in the Solicitors Room by Mr McClintock was then read by the Secretary

Mr McClintock gives Notice that he will at the next Meeting of the Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors propose that all the Parliamentary papers be discontinued and that a portion of the funds arising from their discontinuance be applied in procuring
The Law Review
The Law Magazine and
The Jurist

3rd June 1847.

Mr McClintock not being present to support his motion and it not having been taken up by any other Member present it was deemed by the Meeting as a dropped Notice.

The following Notice which had been posted in the Room by Mr Richd Scott was then read by the Secretary

Mr Scott gives Notice that he will at the next General Meeting of this Society move that in future the Ballot for a Committee of this Society shall be taken in two days (instead of three as at present) and remain open from 11 to 4 O'clock each day, and also that the ten outgoing Members of each Committee shall only be ineligible to be re-elected for one (instead of three as at present) years.

Dated this 2nd day of June 1847.

Mr Scott having spoken in favor of his Motion, and the alterations proposed by him having met the approval of the Meeting and Mr Wallace having seconded Mr Scotts Motion same was declared to have been carried unanimously

Chairman

The Business of the Meeting having terminated Mr Reeves moved that Mr Orpen do leave the Chair and Mr Richd Scott being called there to the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Orpen for his proper and dignified Conduct in the Chair

Solicitors Room

Four Courts — Dublin

Friday the 26th Nov^r 1847

The General Meeting after Term. of the Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland,

Mr Hazlett moved that Mr Goddard as President of the Society do take the Chair, which being seconded by Mr Wm Barker was carried unanimously

Mr Goddard in the Chair

The Secretary stated that no notice had been furnished to him of any subject to be brought under the consideration of the Meeting Enquiry having been made as to what was doing with respect to the Loughlen Testimonial the Secretary was requested by the Chairman to read the Correspondence which had taken place between the Committee appointed for the management of that Fund and Mr Moore the artist who had been selected to execute the proposed Statue, from which correspondence it appeared that altho' the fund raised fell considerably short of the sum originally named by Mr Moore for completing the work yet he had undertaken to erect the Statue on the Terms proposed by the Committee in the expectation that before it was completed such Members of the profession as had not yet subscribed would be induced to do so.

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It was suggested that it might be desirable to call a Meeting not only of the Subscribers of the Fund but of Members of the profession generally, and to Submit to them the correspondence which had just been read in the hope that they would be induced to subscribe to the work so as that the artist should not lose by the undertaking, and which proposition seemed to meet with the approval of the Meeting.

Note. Memorandum for correspondence.

Vide The Book in which the proceedings of the Committee of Management of the Loghlen Testimonial Fund are entered

Mr Mahony took occasion to allude to his Evidence given before the Registration and Conveyancing Commission over which Lord Langdale had presided, and which Evidence together with the correspondence he had had on the subject with the present Lord Chancellor of Ireland, with Lord Campbell, and with Mr C. C. Trevelyan (one of the Secretaries to the Lords of the Treasury) he had submitted to the Committee of this Society in the hope of receiving the support and active advocacy of the profession in favor of the proposed measure.

A Discussion on the subject having arisen in which Messrs Meade, O'Keefe, Wallace, Joseph Scott Moore, Hazlett Foley, Greene, Reves, and the Chairman took a part

Mr Pelham Mayne addressed Mr Mahony whom he complimented on his Talents, and abilities which he regretted were not employed on some measures which would prove more beneficial to the interests of the profession as it appeared to him that the subject in question was altogether calculated to benefit the public, and to prove detrimental to his profession. Mr Mayne then called on Mr Mahony to exert the influence he possessed in certain high quarters to endeavour to get rid of the annual Certificate or Licence, the payment of which he considered degrading to the profession.

Mr Mayne then alluded to another subject in which he considered the profession were very deeply interested, and the subject to which he alluded was that of the State of Legal Education in both

Countries which had been referred to a Parliamentary Committee who had made up their report on the subject during the last session

Mr Mahony observed that Mr Wyse who was the Chairman of that Committee was not now he regretted to state in parliament else he would have hoped that some measure beneficial to the interests of the profession in this country would have been now brought forward based on the Report of the Evidence which had been adduced before the Members of that Commission

It was suggested that the subject was a fit one to be referred and inquired into by "The Charter Committee, and which suggestion being approved of by the Meeting. Mr Mahony begged leave to move the following Resolution which being seconded by Mr Meade was carried viz

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to summon the Charter Committee, and that they be requested to take into consideration the propriety of renewing an application to Parliament for a Charter for the profession, and that in doing so they have regard to the Evidence so given before the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Education, and their Report thereon, and to Report upon the entire matter to a General Meeting of the profession to be held on the first Monday in the ensuing Term.

The following subjects were then brought forward by Mr Pelham Mayne and at the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed they should be referred to the General Committee of the Society for their consideration, and to adopt such measures with respect to them as they might deem advisable, viz. To have a Communication with the Judges of the several Law Courts with a view to having the following Rules established

1st That pleas of Confession and defences in Ceterments be received in the several Courts without the name or signature of a Barrister

2^d That a Defendant should be entitled to file a plea of Confession with a Stay of Execution until the day on which according to the practice of the respective Courts the plaintiff could enforce execution.

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Mr Mayne then brought forward what he considered a very inconvenient practice, and one which he considered was degrading to the profession to submit to, and which was with reference to carrying Books to and from the Library and recommended that the Committee should take some step to remedy the nuisance complained of when it was suggested that possibly by making a representation to the Gentlemen composing the Committee of the Bar Library they might adopt measures to have porters appointed to attend the several Courts which would render it unnecessary for Attorneys to be called on by Barristers to act as their Messengers.

A good deal of discussion took place on the subject, but it did not appear of sufficient importance to the Meeting to pass any Resolution with reference to it.

Mr Arthur Ellis complained of the practice adopted by the Court of Exchequer with reference to the making up of Demurrer Books, and which subject he hoped the Chairman would bring under the consideration of the Committee at the same time when bringing before them Mr Mayne's suggestions.

The proceedings of the day having been concluded Mr Luke O'Shea begged leave to call the attention of the Members of the Society present to the circumstance that this was the first General Meeting that had been held since the lamented Death of their respected President, Mr Dunn, and that tho' he considered himself a very humble Member of the Society yet he trusted they would pardon him for alluding to the subject as he considered the present occasion a fitting one for entering into some Resolution expressive of their feelings of the high estimation in which the Character of their late lamented President was held not only by the Members of this Society, but by every Member of the body at large.

Mr Goddard informed Mr O'Shea and the Meeting of the course which had been adopted by the Committee for the purpose of testifying their respect for the Memory of their late departed friend at the time when they were informed of his Death, and the Meeting having approved of what the Committee had done the following Resolution was moved by Mr Luke O'Shea and which having been seconded by Mr Arthur Ellis was carried unanimously.

Resolved

Resolved That this Meeting being anxious to testify their high respect for the Memory of their late lamented president Josias Dunn Esq and having now been informed by Mr Goddard of what had been done by the Committee at the time when the melancholy intelligence was communicated to them they only deem it necessary now to Record their high approval of what the Committee have done, and that they fully sympathize and participate in the feeling which they have expressed on that occasion

Wm Goddard

The president having left the Chair and Mr Meade being called thereto, that the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Goddard for his dignified and proper conduct in the Chair

Note. Mr Goddard afterwards received the Congratulations of the Meeting on his appointment as President of their Society.

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Solicitors Room

Four Courts Dublin

Tuesday 1st February 1848

The usual General Quarterly Meeting of The
Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of
Ireland

Mr Goddard (the President) having been
called to the Chair

The special Notice calling the Meeting was read by the Secretary

No Notice having been posted in the Room of any Subject to be brought forward by any Member of the Society. The Chairman informed the Meeting that a Petition had just been presented to the Lord Chancellor, and the Master of The Rolls from the Committee of the Society for the appointment of two additional Taxing Masters for the Court of Chancery, and that it was intended to have similar Petitions signed by the profession generally and presented to both Houses of Parliament

The Secretary having read the Petition referred to, Mr C. W. Sampson, addressed the Meeting and brought forward an instance of a case of very great hardship which had occurred to himself with respect to a bill of costs the Taxation of which had occupied a very considerable time in the Taxing Office, and which had ultimately been mislaid there, and he had to furnish another Copy of it to the Taxing Master

Mr Mahony objected to the recommendation of the Committee in favor of the Individual alluded to, in the petition just read, and proposed the following Resolution on the Subject which was seconded by Mr Foley who also addressed the Meeting in support of Mr Mahony's view of the Subject

That in the last paragraph of page 2, the following words be expunged "Your Memorialists respectfully venture to recommend that the present efficient and experienced Principal Assistant in the Office should be named as one of the Taxing Officers"

The Chairman was about to put the question on the proposed Resolution when Mr Murdock Green bore testimony to the onerous Duties

which had been discharged by Mr. Tandy, and the extent of his Services in the Office referred to. On those grounds he considered it but a matter of Justice to Mr. Tandy to put his name forward, in the manner which had been adopted in the petition to the Lord Chancellor and Master of The Rolls. Mr. Mahony stated that he feared Mr. Green misunderstood ^{him} in supposing that he was unfriendly to the appointment of the Gent^r alluded to, and that such was not the case, but that a different course should be adopted for doing it, as it looked like dictating to the Lord Chan^r and interfering with His Lordships patronage by naming any one in the petition to ^{be} appointed to the office in question.

After some further observations on the subject by Mess^{rs}. C. W. Champion, J. W. Cooper. - and J. Julian.

Mr. La Touche observed that it was not intended to introduce the paragraph which had been objected to, into the petition about to be forwarded to Parliament.

The Chairman having put the question on the foregoing Resolution same was declared to have been carried.

Mr. Murdock Green proposed, and Mr. Foley seconded the following Resolution which was likewise adopted, and carried vizt.

That this present Meeting shall adjourn until Friday next at three o'clock for the purpose of considering the Draft of a petition to Parliament on the subject of the Taxing Office and making arrangements for the Signatures and presentation of it also for the purpose of having same supported by Members of Parliament.

Mr. Mahony then alluded to the ^{to which} subject he referred at the last Meeting, and handed in a letter and Treasury minute which he requested the Secretary to read to the Meeting, and of which he stated he would send copies to the Secretary for the information of the Committee.

Mr. O'pen explained to the Meeting what the Committee had done with reference to the subject alluded to by Mr. Mahony, and to which the Treasury minute and letter just read had reference.

Mr. B. P. Smith thought that Mr. Mahony should also furnish to the Committee copies of all the letters addressed by him to the Treasury on this subject, and not merely the letters which he had received in reply to his.

The Discussion then ceased, and Mr. Foley having moved that Mr. Scott be called to the Chair, the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously and unanimously accorded to Mr. Goddard for his dignified conduct in the Chair.

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Solicitors Room

Four Courts Dublin

Friday 4th February 1848

(Meeting pursuant to adjournment which took place on the Inst.)
Mr Goddard (the President) having been called to the Chair.

The Special Notice of adjournment which had been published
in the Morning Papers was read by the Secretary as follows,
To The Solicitors of Ireland

Take Notice that an adjourned General Meeting of the Society of the Attorneys
and Solicitors of Ireland, will be held at the Solicitors Rooms, Four Courts, on
Friday the 4th day of Feby Inst. when a petition to both houses of Parliament
for the appointment of additional Taxing Masters for the Court of Chancery will
be submitted for the approval of the Meeting, and which petition will afterwards
remain for one week, at the Solicitors for the signatures of the profession generally
And such Members of the profession generally, and such Members of the
profession as are absent from Dublin may have their names affixed by writing
to the Secretary of said Society authorizing him so to do, - Dated this 3rd day
of February 1848. The Chair to be taken at two O'clock precisely.

By Order

Edward Lees, Secretary,

Mr Goddard in the Chair

The Secretary read also the petition prepared for presentation to both houses
of Parliament. Mr Thomas Foley suggested that in the bill to be intro-
duced into Parliament for the appointment of two additional Taxing Masters
it might be a good opportunity to have something done with regard to providing
for the Taxation of Equity Exchequer Costs. Mr Goddard and Mr Meade
explained to Mr Foley, and to the Meeting the obstacles to adopting the course
suggested by Mr Foley with which that Gentⁿ appeared perfectly satisfied. Mr G.
stated that the petition which had just been read, would probably undergo some
slight alteration in consequence of Mr O'Dwyer having informed him that some
of the statements contained in it were not quite according to fact. Mr Meade suggested
that the Meeting should adjourn to Thursday next at the hour of two O'clock when
the petition as altered could be read to the Meeting, but that in the meantime as it
would not undergo any change in point of substance that the signatures of the profes-
sion generally might at once be obtained.

W. Goddard

Mr Goddard having left the Chair and Mr Meade being called thereto the thanks of the Meeting was unanimously accorded to Mr Goddard for his proper and dignified conduct whilst presiding.

The Meeting then broke up.

Solicitors Room. Four Courts, Dublin,

Thursday, 10th February, 1848.

Meeting pursuant to adjournment which took place on the 4th Inst.

Mr Oxen (Vice President) being called to the Chair.

The Secretary read the Notice calling the Meeting, and which had been posted in the Room, and likewise published in the Morning Papers,

The following Petition was then read to the Meeting,

To ^{*}The Right Honorable and Honorable The
Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses in Parliament
Assembled

The Petition of the Undersigned Solicitors
practising in that part of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Ireland, on behalf of
themselves, and the other Solicitors of
Ireland

Sheweth

That your petitioners beg leave to call the attention of your Honorable House to the state of the Taxing Office of the Court of Chancery in Ireland and the grievous loss and injury sustained by the Suitors as well as your petitioners, from the delay that takes place in the Taxation of Bills of Costs incurred in proceedings in that Court

That since the Institution of the office many bills of Cost have lain untaxed for upwards of 12 months after summonses had been issued for the Taxation of same, notwithstanding the exertions made by the

persons having the Carriage of the proceedings to expedite the Taxation, and in some instances costs are still under taxation which were brought in prior to the 1st July 1846, and the enormous number of 1885 Bills now remain untaxed in the office.

That the arrears of business would be still greater, were it not that all costs between Solicitor & Client, not in Causes or matters, which under the former system were taxed upon Requisitions, are excluded from the office, because the Taxing Master and his Assistants, are wholly unable to get through the costs between party and party (to be taxed and paid under decrees or orders of the Court); in consequence of which no Trustee, Executor, Corporation, public body or private person in Ireland, can have such costs between Solicitor and Client taxed and therefore they must pay the amount demanded without a taxation, or the Solicitor must proceed in a Court of ^{Common} Law to recover the amount, a state of things which petitioners respectfully submit, ought not to continue, which has been highly inconvenient, to both Clients and Solicitors, and seriously affects the amount of the Income which ought to be received from the Chancery fund duties payable on costs in Ireland.

That when a bill of costs amounts to a sum of not exceeding £300. it cannot in the ordinary course of business of the Taxing office, be calculated on with any certainty that the bill can be taxed and certified within 12 months unless by displacing other cases.

That this delay in the Taxation of costs seriously retards the final winding up of suits, and frequently neutralizes the beneficial effects of the late regulations for expediting the administration of justice in the Court.

That upon inquiry, it will be found that persons interested in the funds and Estates, administered in the Court of Chancery in Ireland have sustained by such delays, losses, the extent of which is so great, that your petitioners apprehend that, were they to state the probable amount of such loss the Estimate would appear to be greatly exaggerated altho' they are convinced that Estimate would fall short of what would be established by an investigation before Parliament.

That many of your Petitioners have had experience of Cases in which by fluctuation of the public funds pending the Taxation in the office, irreparable mischief has been done to Suitors, to the extent in some instances, of depriving Creditors upon embarrassed estates of the payment of their demands, and in others of destroying or diminishing the surplus which would have belonged to the parties interested in the Estates.

That your Petitioners are convinced that the Taxation of Costs can only be satisfactorily performed by Solicitors capable, from practical knowledge, of deciding upon the propriety or necessity of the business for which charges are made, the want of which knowledge must of necessity, not only create delay, but must also impose a serious tax, upon the time and attention of the Solicitors, by unnecessarily multiplying the labour and attendances required in the progress of a Taxation of Costs.

That feeling it to be their imperative duty to submit to your Honorable House the present state of the taxing office, and to express their conviction that immediate measures for the remedy of those grievances are indispensable to the due administration of the affairs of the suitors of the Court of Chancery in Ireland your Petitioners trust they will be pardoned if they venture to state some matters connected with the Original Institution of the office, with a view to the effectual prevention of the grievances of which they complain.

That by an Act passed in the 5th and 6th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty entitled "An Act for abolishing certain offices of the High Court of Chancery in England" It is provided that the Taxing of Costs in said Court of Chancery in England shall be Conducted by Taxing Masters, that every Taxing Master shall have been sworn a Clerk of said Court, or shall for 12 years or upwards have practised as a Solicitor of said Court; and by the fourth section of said Act, six persons therein specially named, were appointed the first Taxing Masters with Salaries of £2000 per annum.

That in the Month of July, 1845, the bill for the appointment of a Taxing Master for the Court of Chancery in Ireland, was brought into Parliament which did not prescribe any qualification of the person to be appointed as was done by the above mentioned Act, with respect to the appointment of Taxing officers of the Court of Chancery in England.

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That your petitioners then expressed their opinion, which subsequent events have confirmed, that the Taxation of Costs is a Business which Solicitors are peculiarly and alone properly qualified to perform from their intimate and practical knowledge of the details of the proceedings charged for in bills of Cost, and their familiarity with the various documents, and instruments produced to support the Charges made; and consequently that the persons to be appointed Taxing ^{Officers} Masters should be Solicitors, as was the case in England; and that there was no reason why, in that particular instance, a different mode of Legislation should be adopted for Ireland; and your petitioners also stated their opinion that the Taxation of Chancery Costs could not be efficiently discharged by one Taxing Master, which opinion your petitioners believe was also entertained by the late Lord Chancellor, and petitioners believe that two Taxing Masters, would have been proposed by the said Bill, but it was feared that the Revenue to be derived from the Office would not pay the expenses, and therefore provision was only made for the payment of one.

Your petitioners further shew that they presented Petitions to both Houses of Parliament, expressive of their said opinions, and sought that two Taxing Masters should be so appointed, and also that the persons to be appointed should be Solicitors who for 12 years or upwards had practiced as Solicitors thus endeavouring to follow as closely as circumstances would permit the precedent of the English Act.

Your petitioners shew that notwithstanding their petition the Bill passed your Honorable House, but that when under the Consideration of the House of Lords, the present Lord High Chancellor, and Master of the Rolls in England, and other Noble and learned Lords, expressed very strong opinions on the reasonableness and good sense of the propositions put forward on behalf of your petitioners.

The Act for the appointment of a Taxing Master of the Court of Chancery in Ireland received the Royal Assent on the 8th August 1845, and the Lord Chancellor of Ireland was thereby empowered to appoint as Taxing Master, some fit and competent person, being a Barrister of not less than 10 years standing or a Solicitor of 10 years practice.

That the then Lord Chancellor of Ireland, in exercise of the power given to him by said Act, appointed a Barrister to fill

fill the Office of Taxing Master, notwithstanding the opinions expressed in parliament that Solicitors, were better qualified to discharge ^{the duties of} that office,

That The Revenue received, and which ought to have arisen during the past year from the Chancery fund duties on Summonses and Certificates of Taxed Costs in Ireland may be thus stated,

Amount of Duty paid on Costs Taxed and Certified, £ s. d.
between the 1st of Nov^r 1846 and 1st Nov^r 1847. } 4200: 0: 0

Amount of duty on bills which within the same period, were brought into the office, but not Taxed in consequence of the circumstances stated in this petition " " " " } 2020: 0: 0

The amount of the probable sum which would be received for duty on the various Costs between Solicitor and Client, referred to in this petition may be Calculated at " " } 2000: 0: 0
£ 8220: 0: 0

Your Petitioners therefore shew that the apprehension of a deficiency of Revenue, entertained, when the bill for the appointment of a Taxing Master was introduced is groundless; and that the increase, which in a proper state of things, would be receivable for duties on all Costs taxable in Chancery, would be far more than sufficient to meet all the expenses which would be required for placing the Taxing Office, on a Satisfactory and efficient footing; and your Petitioners conceive that no arrangements can be considered either efficient or satisfactory, unless they shall be ~~considered~~ calculated to remove all the grievances and objections stated in this petition, and also to prevent the possibility of delay in future.

And your Petitioners submit that, under a proper and well regulated system in the Taxing Office, all Ordinary Bills of Costs should be taxed, and Certified within 3 Weeks after being lodged, and that in no case ought the taxation to be delayed more than two Months.

Your Petitioners are now satisfied that those ends, cannot be attained except by the appointment of two additional Taxing Masters, who with the present Master should themselves tax all Costs and inspect the Vouchers, whereby the appointment of additional Assistants or Clerks would be rendered unnecessary, and they respectfully suggest that it is absolutely requisite for the due administration of this Department

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of the Court, that a Legislative enactment should be framed, providing for this object.

Your petitioners further submit as a provision indispensable to the success ~~to the success~~ of the proposed new arrangement of the office that the Taxing Masters named in the Bill, or hereafter to be appointed, should have the qualification of being Solicitors of 12 years practice in the Court of Chancery in Ireland.

Your petitioners have shewn that, by a proper and efficient arrangement, the funds produced by the office itself, would abundantly provide for the salaries of the two additional Taxing Masters, together with the expenses of the necessary clerks, while, at the same time, the interests of the public, and the suitors would be most essentially served by the proposed alteration.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House to take the subject into consideration, and to pass such a measure as shall effectually accomplish the objects of your petitioners.

And your petitioners will pray

Mr La Touche Moved that the foregoing Petition be adopted and approved of, which was unanimously agreed ^{to}, and after the usual Vote of Thanks to the Chairman the Meeting separated.

Solicitors Room
Lower Courts. Dublin

The usual General Quarterly Meeting of
The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of
Ireland

To receive the annual Report &
Saturday the 13th May. 1848

Mr Goddard in the Chair.

The Chairman stated the object of the Meeting, and that same was called in pursuance of the 17th Rule of the Society.
The Secretary ^{having} read the annual Report, and likewise the statement in support of the petition.

It was moved by Mr Coppinger and seconded by Mr Stephen Gordon, that same be received, adopted & entered on the Minutes. (for statement referred to in the Report and published as an appendix. Vide Committee Book page 457.) -

Report of the Committee of the Committee
of the Society of the Attorneys and
Solicitors of Ireland

For the year ending 1st May 1848
Being the 7th Report of the Society

Your Committee in closing the labors of the past year, proceed, according to custom, to Report for the information of the Society, the principal subjects with which they have been occupied during that period, and the results which have attended their exertions -

The most important subject which has engaged the attention of your Committee, is the Taxing Office of the Court of Chancery. The delays occurring in that office being productive of grievous

loss and inconvenience, not only to Sutors, but to the profession, your Committee deemed it of ~~imperat~~ paramount importance to effect a reformation in its system, and, for that purpose, to obtain if possible, the appointment of two additional Taxing Masters, to be selected from the Solicitors, your Committee being impressed with the conviction, that if the suggestions, they originally made on this subject had been complied with, many of the present causes of Complaint, would have been avoided.

Your Committee in order to attain so desirable an object, have spared no pains in procuring such returns connected with the office of Taxing Master, as well in England as in Ireland, and such information as to the practice of the Office in both countries, as would enable them to make the representations, most likely to effect the end in view; and having through such returns, obtained indisputable evidence, that the present machinery of the office here is wholly unable, to perform the duties committed to it, and of the consequent evils arising to the public, and the profession, your Committee presented a Memorial to the Lord Chancellor, and his honor the Master of The Rolls, embodying the result of the information obtained, and have forwarded petitions to parliament on the subject signed by the great majority of the practising Solicitors of Ireland; and your Committee also deemed it advisable to forward Copies of the petition, accompanied by a Statement, in support of it, to the Irish Members of both houses of Parliament, the Law officers of the Crown, the Secretaries of State, and other Official personages connected with both Countries.

Since the presentation of the Memorial to the Lord Chancellor and Master of the Rolls a Deputation from your Committee, has had interviews with their Lordships, and they have the pleasure to state, that both the Lord Chancellor and Master of The Rolls signified their approbation of the Course adopted by your Committee on behalf of the profession, with reference to this very important Subject.

The Bill lately introduced into Parliament to facilitate the Sale of encumbered Estates in Ireland, has also occupied the attention of your Committee, and although their view of the measure

led them to consider it one involving considerable doubt, whether it could, from its complicated character, and the important interests embraced by it, be beneficially carried into effect, they ventured to offer to Members of both houses of Parliament, certain suggestions, with regard to several alterations which they considered essential to the proper working of the measure, should it be passed into a Law, and they have reason to believe, that at least some of those suggestions have met with attention as the bill has been since considerably remodelled, and has again been brought forward in an amended form.

With respect to the 7th and 8th Vict. Cap. 90. for the registration of Judgments, your Committee in the Month of July last forwarded petitions to both houses of Parliament, setting forth circumstances which had then recently occurred in the Judgment Registration Office, and shewing the indispensable necessity of having the act amended, by enacting that the Registrar should deliver to the party registering a Judgment, decree, order, rule, lis pendens, Crown bond, or recognizance, a Certificate of such Registration, duly signed by such Registrar, or his deputy, and in such petitions your Committee stated (inter alia) "That the officer appointed under said act, had not, since the establishment of said office, personally received the Memorandums of such Judgments or other security as aforesaid, from the public, but had permitted them to be received by Clerks in his office, and that the consequence had been, that several of said Memorandums, had been withheld or destroyed, and the fees paid therewith perverted, and consequently the Judgments specified in such Memorandums had ~~be~~ not been registered and it was to be feared that several of them had thereby lost their priority." A State of things which it appears to your Committee might again occur through any neglect or fraud of the officer, or his Clerks, owing to the want of Evidence of the lodgment of the Memorandum, a defect which it is manifest can alone be effectually remedied by amending the act in question, which your Committee accordingly have endeavoured, by every means in their power, to get accomplished; but as yet without success. The efforts so made by your Committee, have not however been wholly unproductive of benefit to the public or the profession inasmuch as a Document purporting to be a Certificate, or rather ~~a~~ receipt, for the lodging of the Memorandum above referred to, is now delivered from that office, although not signed, as it ought

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ought to be, by the head office, as is the case with Certificates of the entry and of the satisfaction of a Judgment in the Courts of Law,

A Bill to abolish arrest on final process for sums under £10 having been again brought forward in the present session of parliament and your Committee finding it as objectionable in certain of its ~~objection~~ ^{able} provisions as the one introduced last year, have again had communication with the promoters of the measure, and pointed out the serious objections thereto, which they consider still ^{to} exist, and amongst others it may be observed, that it would virtually, to a great extent, cancel debts under £10, as well as prevent parties recovering by attachment costs under that amount awarded by the Superior Courts of Equity and Law, and which power of attaching a party for costs is at present found to be very beneficial, and a check upon useless litigation. By the English act arrest is abolished only on judgments; and that act does not interfere with attachments from Courts of Equity or Law; and your Committee are of opinion that such a measure is not called for by the existing state of things in this Country. Considering the facilities which prevail for obtaining a discharge from confinement for small debts by the operation of the Insolvent Act, and by application to the Assistant Barristers; and your Committee consider that the contemplated enactment would be found to work serious injury to the Community at large - but especially to ^{Traders and} small farmers.

Your Committee have again forwarded the Draft of a Bill to extend to Ireland certain portions of the English Solus Act. 6th and 7th Vict. Cap. 73. referred to in last year's report, and they have some reason to expect, it may be introduced into parliament, under the sanction of the Government, during the present session.

Your Committee have again renewed their application to the Judges, and having impressed their Lordships the advantage to arise from assimilating the practice of the three Law Courts, have lately received an intimation that most of their suggestions have met with approval, and that the long desired alteration will soon be carried into effect.

The attention of your Committee having been called by Mr Peirce Mahony to the Evidence given by him before Lord Langdale's Registration and Conveyancing Commission, they have had the

matter under consideration, but have not yet been enabled to come to a decision upon it.

Your Committee, on behalf of the Society, have to acknowledge presentations of the following Books viz. from Edw^d J. Beytagh Esquire Barrister at Law, a Copy of his Treatise on the Statutes of Limitation, and from Thos St Tracey Esq, his recent publication entitled, A Treatise on the Office and Duties of Crown Sol^{rs}, Clerks of the Crown &c &c

Your Committee cannot conclude their Report without alluding to the lamented death of Josias Dunn Esquire, the time honored and universally respected, president of this Society, and who had also filled the office of president of the former Law Society, a Gentleman who by the strictest integrity, and the faithful and exemplary discharge of his various professional duties, had elevated himself to a high position in the legal profession, of which he was justly considered an Ornament, and who by his amiable disposition and most Conciliating manner, averted every feeling of envy, and secured to himself the respect of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. In thus alluding to the Character of their late Esteemed and lamented president, your Committee are assured they but feebly express their Sympathy with the feeling so universally entertained by the Society, and by the profession at large.

Your Committee have the gratification of stating that the Society is indebted to Mrs Dunn for a very splendid Bust of her late ^{respected} husband which had been but recently executed in Marble, by that eminent Artist Mr Christopher Moore, who is at present engaged in executing for this Society, a full length statue of the late Sir Mich^l O'Loghlen, Baronet late Master of the Rolls.

It was moved by Mr Coppinger and seconded by Mr Stephen Gordon that the Report just read be printed and published as the Committee shall direct.

The Secretary having read the Letter received from Mr Meade on the subject of presenting the Bust of the late Mr Dunn to this Society

It was moved by Mr Coppinger, seconded by Mr Tweedy and
 Resolved ^{unanimously} That a vote of thanks be presented to Mrs
 Dunn and her Nephews for their very acceptable
 and gratifying presentation to this Society and
 that the Secretary do communicate the foregoing
 Resolution by Letter to be addressed to Mr Meade

The Chairman then proceeded to Nominate 5 Members of
 of the Committee, 3 of whom to form a quorum to audit the Society's
 accounts and Report thereon, at the next General Meeting to be held
 on the 17th day of June next, for the purpose of receiving the
 Scrutators Report of the Ballot for a Committee, and which
 Ballot is to commence on Thursday the first day of June next

The following auditors were then appointed

Mr Robt A Wallace

Mr John S Tweedy

Mr Coppinger

Mr Exham

Mr Parker

The Chairman then proceeded to Nominate 5 Members of the
 Society to be Scrutators of the Ballot, along with the president
 Vice Presidents, and Secretary

Mr Mackan

Mr Eason

Mr Hamilton

Mr Montgomery

Mr Elliott

A Discussion having taken place as to following up the
 petition lately presented to parliament for the appointment of additional
 Taxing Masters for the Court of Chancery, The following Reso-
 lution was proposed by Mr J. W. Coppinger, viz

That the Committee do take all means in their power
 to have the appointment of additional Taxing Masters
 made without delay, and which being seconded by Mr
 J. S. Elliott was carried Unanimously

Mr Walker having moved that Mr Goddard do leave the
 Chair and Mr R. J. T. O'Brien being called thereto the thanks of the
 Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Goddard for his very proper
 and dignified conduct in the Chair, and for the Interest manifested by him
 at all times in forwarding the best Interests of this Society, and of the
 profession at large

Wm Goddard
 Ch.

Solicitors Room

Saturday 7th day of June 1848.

The general quarterly Meeting of The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland to receive the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot, and also of the auditors of the Annual Account of the Society

Mr R. J. J. O'Keefe (one of the Vice presidents) being called to the Chair.

The Secretary having read from the Newspaper the advertisement convening the Meeting then commenced the proceedings of the day by reading the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot, which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes and is as follows

The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors
of Ireland.

Report of Mess^{rs} Markan, Eason, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Elliott, together with the President Vice presidents, and Secretary of the Society, being the Scrutators appointed to preside over the Ballot for a Committee for the year ending the 1st May 1848

We the Scrutators in pursuance of the Resolutions entered into at the quarterly Meeting of this Society held on Saturday the 13th day of May 1848 at the Solicitors Room have to Report as follows

That said Ballot commenced on Thursday the 1st day of June inst and terminated on Friday the second 2nd Inst, having remained open
from

from 11 to 4 o'clock each day, and we find the result of the scrutiny of said Ballot to be as follows, vizt

That 98 Members Balloted and that after striking off such Members out of the outgoing Committee as the provision of the 12th Rule of this Society was applicable to, the undernamed Gentlemen having the number of Votes severally attached to their names do form the Committee for the year to terminate on the 1st of May 1849.

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1	William Goddard	90	17	Arthur Barlow	52
2	Richard Meade	90	18	Thomas Mostyn	51
3	Howard Green	86	19	James Meares	50
4	John Tho ^s Kift	84	20	John Orpin	49
5	Theo ^s Digges La Touche	81	21	Charles Gausson	46
6	Rich ^d In ^o Theo. Orpin	81	22	John Davis Garde	38
7	Edward Reeves	81	23	Octavius O'Brien	37
8	Willm B. Wallace	80	24	Michael Creagh	34
9	Rich ^d A. Walker	79	25	John J. Tweedy	34
10	Rich ^d M. Duckett	76	26	Willm J. Kent	33
11	John Maglett	73	27	John Ryan	33
12	Sir Mat ^o Barrington	67	28	Thomas R. Crawford	32
13	John Galloway	60	29	Pelham J. Mayne	32
14	Ralph Scott	56	30	Weldon S. Molay	31
15	John Greene	55	31	Samuel F. Adair	30
16	Thomas Babington	53			

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2	Denis O. Fisher	30	7	Ja ^s L. O'Brien	14
3	William Dalton	28	8	Luke O Shea	14
4	Ja ^s Percival Graue	23	9	William Peebles	13
5	Wm Hen. McGrath	16	10	John Vincent	13

Which we submit as our Report this 5th
day of June 1848.

John A. Harkam
Wm Maxwell Eason
Philip Montgomery
Edward Iles.
Wm Goddard

The Secretary then proceeded to read the Statement of the annual account of the Society which had been submitted to the Auditors who were appointed at the last General Meeting, and which had been examined, Vouched, and found correct, and was entered in a Ledger kept for that purpose in the Secretarys office, and which account had been duly Certified, and signed by said Auditors.

It was moved and seconded that the Report of said
Auditors be received, and adopted

The following Notice which had been duly posted in the Solicitors Room by Mr Murdock Green was then read by the Secretary viz

Mr Murdock Green gives notice that he will move at the next General quarterly Meeting that in the event of any Bill to be brought in by Government for regulating the office of the Taxing Master and appointing an additional Taxing Master or Taxing Master, and that it shall not be provided therein that the future Taxing Masters shall be taken from the Solicitors of a certain Standing, that the Solicitors of Ireland shall petition Parliament to be heard by Counsel on the Subject, and that the Members of this Society shall enter into a Subscription to defray the necessary Expenses.

Dated this 7th day of June 1848

After considerable discussion on the Subject of Mr Green's Motion, which was seconded by Mr Edw^d Fetherston A, and also supported by Mr Gen. A. Dillon, Mr Tho. Babington moved the following Resolution viz

That in order to carry out the foregoing Resolution the Committee shall be empowered to send over a Deputation to London to carry out the objects of the petition already presented -

which having been seconded by Mr Tweedy was passed unanimously

Mr Richard Scott recommended the appointment of a special Committee for the purpose of supporting the principle of the Taxation of Costs, and that a distinct fund should be raised for the purpose of defraying the Expenses consequent on bringing such points before the Court as it should be deemed advisable to maintain

Mr Pelham Mayne likewise suggested several matters which it would be desirable to introduce in any Bill to be brought forward in Parliament as suggested by Mr Murdock Green, but which Mr Walker and Mr Wallace opposed and the subject was then dropped

The following Notice of Motion which had been posted in the Room by Mr W. B. Wallace was then read by the Secretary viz

Please Observe

Mr Wallace gives Notice that he will at the next General Meeting of this Society move that the general Rules of the Society, Nos 11, 16, and 17th be altered in respect of the period of the year for the Committee Submitting its Annual Report to the Society, and of the time of the Election of a new Committee, and that in future the Committee do Report annually to the General Meeting of the Society upon the day after every Michaelmas Term instead of the day after each Easter Term, and the Ballot for a new Committee shall take place on the first and second days of December in each year, and that on the 6th day of December a General Meeting of the Society be held for the purpose only of receiving the Report of the Scrutators of such Ballot and the Auditor Dated 6th June 1848 Report of the Accounts, By order

Edw^d Nev. Secretary

Mr J Digges LaFouche begged leave to second Mr Wallace's Motion.

Mr Mayne opposed the proposed Change, and Mr Walker suggested as an amendment that before putting Mr Wallace's Motion the period to be 18 months, for which the present

present Committee should remain in office should be first decided. Mr N. Green and Mr J. Gordon supported Mr Walker's proposition, and Mr John Martin spoke in favor of the present Committee, being continued in office for 18 months but both Mr Dillon, and Mr Atkinson strongly opposed Mr Martin's proposition, and after considerable discussion on the subject, it was agreed that the further consideration of the matter to which Mr Wallace's Notice of Motion relates should be postponed to the next General Meeting of this Society to be held on the first day after next Michaelmas Term, and which having been agreed to, and the thanks of the Meeting having been voted to Mr Oepen for his very efficient conduct in the Chair, the Business of the Meeting was then concluded.

Richard M. Oepen (M.)

Solicitors Rooms

Four Courts Dublin

Monday 27th Nov^r 1848.

The General Meeting after Term of The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland

The President (Mr Goddard) being unable to attend the Meeting and neither of the ^{Vice} Presidents, being present

Mr Walker moved and Mr Mayne seconded, that Mr Galloway do take the Chair

Mr Galloway in the Chair

The Secretary read the Notice of Motion given by Mr Wallace at the last General Meeting of the Society and the further consideration of which was then postponed to the present Meeting

Mr Pelham Mayne stated that he considered the subject was too important to be decided by so small a Meeting, and that it might be advisable to again postpone the consideration of it -

Mr Champion agreed in opinion with Mr Mayne and expressed his surprise that so few Members of the Committee were present, and likewise Members of the Society when so important a Subject was brought forward

Mr Wallace begged leave to explain the circumstances under which he again brought forward this Motion on behalf of the Committee of the Society, before whom it had been discussed on their last day of Meeting when it was arranged that he should bring it forward at this Meeting with their sanction, and that Mr La Touche should move the amendment which he proposed to read to them -

Mr Wallace having fully explained the motives and reasons for altering the period of the year for holding the Ballot, in consequence of its occurring at the very time when the ~~most~~ Committee were engaged with the most important matters in relation to Bills and measures ^{before Parliament} in which the profession were interested and which it generally happened were brought forward at the close of the parliamentary session & which it had heretofore been found ^{was} most inconveniently interrupted by the change of Committee taking place during the time when their exertions were most required in forwarding such Measures at the other side of the water - (as was the case on a late occasion) -

It appearing - to - the Meeting that the reasons urged by Mr Wallace for making the proposed Change were so ^{Cogent and} satisfactory and so ^{very} reasonable, and also that the Meeting at this period ^{of the Day} ~~the~~ ^{was} ~~period~~ had considerably increased they therefore deemed it advisable to proceed with the business of the ^{Meeting} ~~day~~, and the Chairman having read Mr Wallace's Notice (as entered on the Minutes of the last Meeting) and Mr La Touche having seconded its adoption it was declared by the Chairman to have passed Unanimously -

Mr La Touche then begged leave to move the following addition ^{as an amendment} to the Resolution just passed which had been founded on Mr Wallace's motion viz - -

"And that the first Election of the Committee under this Resolution be held on the 1st and 2nd December 1849, and that the present Committee continue in office till that period"

Mr La Touche having explained the nature and object of the proposed amendment and which being likewise seconded by Mr Richard Walker and put from the Chairman to the Meeting same was also declared to have been carried unanimously

It became necessary in consequence of the foregoing Resolutions having been passed that the Committee should be empowered to amend the ^{Resolution} Rules of the Society in conformity therewith Mr La Touche moved a ~~Rule~~ ^{Resolution} to the following effect which being seconded by Mr Champion was likewise unanimously adopted by the Meeting viz

"Resolved That the Committee be empowered to correct any inconsistencies that may be found in the Rules of this Society consequent on the passing of the foregoing Resolutions with reference to the Ballot, and which being ^{seconded} and put from the Chair was likewise declared to be carried unanimously"

The Secretary read the Resolutions which were passed at the last general Meeting of this Society in relation to the Taxing Masters office of the Court of Chancery and informed the Meeting that a Deputation had accordingly been sent over to London on the subject, and having succeeded in their mission the Committee felt that as the profession at large must equally participate with the Members of this Society in the benefits resulting from the exertions of the Committee in having the bill passed which they had succeeded in accomplishing, that therefore it would not be unreasonable to expect that the profession generally should contribute to reimburse the funds of this Society the expenses thus incurred -

A Circular to the foregoing effect had accordingly been prepared and addressed to about 550 Members of the profession who were not Members of this Society and altho' 3 weeks had elapsed since the issuing of that Circular yet but one member of the profession had as yet been found

disposed

disposed to contribute. viz: Mr Mathew Brett N^o 82 Lower ²²¹
Gardiner St. who had subscribed £1. —

In reply to a question put by Mr Campion to the Secretary as to how many Members of the Committee formed the Deputation, and also what their Expenses amounted to, it was stated that the Deputation was composed of two Members who had gone and returned twice to London, and that their joint expence amounted to about one hundred Guineas. The subject then dropped.

With respect to the Rules of the Society Mr J. J. Dolan begged leave to enquire by what authority the Rule which prescribed that the Ballot for a Committee which used to be kept open for three days had on the last occasion been reduced to two and which question Mr Dolan stated he supposed the Secretary could answer. —

The Secretary in reply referred Mr Dolan to the proceedings of the quarterly Meeting held on the 14th June 1847 on which occasion a notice of motion by Mr Rich^d Scott had been brought forward to alter the Rule in question and a Resolution had passed at said Meeting for that purpose.

John Galloway

Chairman —

Mr Galloway having vacated the Chair and Mr Wallace being called thereto Mr Dolan moved a vote of thanks to Mr Galloway for his ^{very} proper and dignified conduct in the Chair and which was passed unanimously —

Note. The following Members of the Committee were present at the Meeting viz

Mess^{rs} Galloway.

La Touche — Mayne

Wallace — Molony

Walker — O'Brien.

Mr Goddard being engaged in the Court of Exchequer was unable to attend the meeting.

Solicitors Room
Four Courts, Dublin
Thursday 1st day of February 1849.

The usual General quarterly Meeting (after Term of The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland.

In the absence of the president, and vice presidents Mr. Mordaunt Green moved that Mr. John O'Keefe do take the Chair which was seconded by Mr. Robert Wallace, and carried unanimously.

— Mr. O'Keefe in the Chair —

The Secretary stated that no notice had been given of any subject to be brought under the Consideration of the Meeting this day.

Several gentlemen having enquired the object for calling the Meeting - The Secretary stated that as the Rules of the Society at present stood there were four general Meetings appointed to be held in each year on the first day after each Term but that probably as the period for the Pollot had been changed at the last General Meeting of the Society (and as same was in future to take place on the 1st and 2nd days of December instead of the 1st and 2nd of June as heretofore, it might under those circumstances be now desirable to change the period for holding the general Meetings (and also as many Members considered the 1st day after Term a very busy period and a very inconvenient day for the purpose), and likewise to limit the number of

The General Meetings to what they were at the
Commencement of the Society

The Meeting however broke up without coming
to any decision on the subject.

John O'Meara -
Chairman

Solicitors Room

Four Courts. Dublin

The usual General Quarterly Meeting after
Term of The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors
of Ireland

Wednesday, 9th May 1849.

Mr O'Keefe in the Chair

The Secretary informed the Meeting that no Notice had
been given to him of any subject to be brought forward
for their consideration this day and likewise stated that
in consequence of the recent change in the Rules of the Society
the Annual Report, would not in future, be brought forward
until the General Meeting after Michaelmas Term

Mr John Martin intimated his intention of
bringing forward a Motion at the next General Meeting
of the Society to reduce the Meetings of the Society to two
in each year as was the case formerly when the Society
was first established and likewise that he would give
Notice of another Motion to reduce the Subscriptions
of Members residing in the Country (and who only
took out the £8. annual Certificate) to ten Shillings

Mr O'Shea requested to know what was doing
with respect to the O'Loghlen Testimonial when he was
informed that the work was progressing very satis-
factorily, and that Mr Moore the Artist hoped to have

the Statue erected in the Solicitors Room at the Close of
next Autumn -

There being no other Business to occupy the attention
of the Meeting it was moved that the Chairman sh^d
vacate the Chair, and Mr Walker having been called
thereto, the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously
accorded to Mr Oopen for his proper and dignified
conduct while presiding -

Solicitors Room
General Quarterly Meeting
- after Trinity Term -

Wednesday 13th June 1849.

Mr Oopen moved and Mr Wallace seconded that Mr
Goddard the President of the Society do take the Chair

Mr Goddard in the Chair

Mr Goddard stated that this being the General Quarterly
Meeting after Term and Convened in pursuance of The Rules
of the Society, further observed that their Secretary was necessarily
absent from the Meeting, and obliged to be in the Court of Excheq^r
attending to a matter connected with the Interests of the Society
and which at this moment occupied the attention of the Court

The Chairman then read the Notice of Motion which Mr J^r
Martin had given at the last General Meeting of the Society and
which was as follows -

Please

— Please Observe —

Mr. John Martin gives Notice that he will at the next General Meeting of this Society (after Term) bring forward a Motion that it having been found by experience, that the Business of the Society does not require more (and as the Committee can at any time call a General Meeting, and are on Requisition obliged so to do), there shall in future be but two General Meetings of the Society in the year, one after Michaelmas, and the other after Easter Term, at which former Meeting the annual Report of the Society, shall be brought forward, and the Auditors of the accounts, and Scrutators of the Ballot shall be appointed and such Meeting shall be adjourned to receive the Reports of those officers.

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Meetings

Dated, this 4th day of June 1849.

Mr. Martin then spoke to the subject of his Motion, and stated that the General Meetings were so thinly attended, that it did not require any argument to shew the necessity of reducing the number of General Meetings to two in each year namely after Michaelmas and Easter or Trinity Terms.

Mr. Wallace in seconding the Motion suggested that the words "or Trinity" and "as occasion may require" should be struck out, and thus make fixed periods for holding the half-yearly Meetings and not leave the Notice in the alternative - to which Mr. Martin assented, and after some observations from Mr. O'Keefe the question was put and motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman then read the second Notice which was as follows

Take Notice

Mr. Martin will at the next General Meeting of this Society move that in order to induce such Members of the profession to join this Society (who seldom come to Dublin except at Term time), that the annual Subscription of all Attorneys and Solicitors who shall only pay an Eight pound Certificate shall be Ten shillings

instead of One pound

Dated this 4th day of June 1849

Mr. Martin in moving it stated that he thought it would materially add to the funds of the Society if the Subscription to Country Attorneys were reduced to 10^s as he had himself canvassed some friends of his own on the subject, and they concurred with him as to its expediency.

Mr. Edw^d Nugent having seconded the Motion, Mr. Orpen in opposing the Motion took occasion to observe that any such change as proposed would be rather injurious than serviceable to the Society, and that if the Subscription were lowered to 10^s, the City Practitioners, would insist upon a similar reduction, and that a necessary consequence would be, that the Society would lose more by resignations, than they would gain, and he was aware from his own Knowledge that when the old Law Society reduced their Subscriptions from £.10. to £.1. they did not at all add to their funds, but a considerable falling off resulted.

Mr. Neal Jⁿ O'Neill observed there was no case made out for the Change in question, and that he was quite satisfied that Country Practitioners were as well able to pay £1. Subscription as those in Town.

Mr. Wallace, Mr. LaFouche, and Mr. Walker severally concurred in the view taken by Mr. Orpen and Mr. N. J. O'Neill.

Mr. Meade observed that unless the Masters were Members, there apprentices could not be admitted; and after some further discussion, the question was put and the Motion Negatived without a division.

Mr. Goddard enquired if there was any other Motion, but there being none, he declared the business of the meeting to be finished.

Wm Goddard
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The Chairman having vacated the Chair & Mr. Orpen being called thereto, Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Creagh seconded a Vote of Thanks to Mr. Goddard for his very proper and dignified conduct in the Chair which was carried unanimously.

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Solicitors Rooms Hall
Four Courts, Dublin

The usual general Meeting of ^{Incorporated} The Society of
The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland, to receive the Report
of the Society and transact other business,

~~Thursday~~ ²⁶
Tuesday the 27th Novem^r 1848 57

Mr ^{Cooper} Meade moved that Mr ^{Meade} Goddard do take
the Chair which being seconded by Mr ^{Walker} Rich^d Scott was
carried unanimously,

^{Meade}
Mr Goddard in the Chair

The Secretary read the Advertisement calling the Meeting
and proceeded to read the Report which was follows,

See printed Copy in the Secretary's office
~~and circulated among the Members~~

Mr ^{Dillon} J^r Martin moved that the Report be received
and adopted, and printed for Circulation, among the
Members as the Committee shall direct which Motion was
seconded by Mr ^{Arthur Ellis} Arthur Ellis and Carried unanimously

The Chairman then proceeded to appoint 5 Members
of the Society to act as Scrutators of the Ballot together
with the President, Vice-presidents, and Secretary when the
following Gent^r were appointed viz. Mr E. Fetherston, Mr
J^r Sturtean, Mr Luke O Shea, Mr J^r St. Read, and Mr J^r S.
Keller,

The Chairman then proceeded to nominate, 5 Members of
the Society to audit the accounts when the followg Gent^r were
appointed for that purpose. Mr R^d Scott, Mr Rob^t Wallace,
Mr J^r Ellis, Mr Sam^l Walker, & Mr Lucas Waring

The Chairman then announced that the Ballot for a new
Committee would commence on ^{Monday} Saturday next 1st Dec^r & terminate
on ^{same day} Monday 3^d remaining open from 11 to 4 O'Clock on each of 2^d days

With reference to the case of Mr Rea an Attorney lately practicing at Sessions in the County of Antum, and who had been dismissed by Mr Gibson the Assistant Barrister, Mr W. J. Kent proposed the following Resolution which having been seconded by Mr R. A. Walker, was adopted by the meeting

Resolved, That circumstances which occurred on a recent occasion at a quarter Sessions Court in the County of Antum, when Mr Rea was suspended for 3 years, be investigated by the incoming Committee, and such measures taken in relation thereto as may be fitting.

With reference to the practice of Members of the profession who reside in the County employing unqualified persons to transact their business in Dublin, and which subject was alluded to in the Report just read, Mr Jno Martin begged leave to move a Resolution which being seconded by Mr Robt Sweeney was carried unanimously.

Resolved, That the Committee be requested to take the question of County practitioners employing unqualified persons to represent them in Dublin into consideration, with a view of suggesting a remedy for the practice -

The Chairman then announced to the Meeting that no ^{other} notice having been furnished to the Secretary of any other subject to engage their attention he proposed that the present Meeting should be adjourned to Saturday the 8th Decem^r next, at the hour of three O'clock, to receive the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot, and likewise the Report of the auditors of the Accounts, and which Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr Duckett having moved that Mr Owen do take the Chair and Mr Reeves having seconded the Motion the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Goddard for his dignified conduct in the Chair and for the anxiety at all times manifested by him to forward the Interests of the Society and the profession Generally -

Saturday, 12th day of December 1849.

Meeting held pursuant to adjournment, on the 27th ulto for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Scrutators of the Ballot and likewise of the auditor of the accounts of the Society - and as to Notices of Motions given at the last Meeting.

Mr. Duckett moved That Mr. ^{Arpen} Goddard do take the Chair, which being seconded by Mr. ^{Arpen} Hazlett was carried unanimously

Mr. ^{Arpen} Goddard in the Chair.

The Secretary read the advertisement, calling the meeting and then proceeded to read the Report of the scrutators of the Ballot, which was follows, and which was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

See copy Report of the Scrutators
The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland.

Report of Messrs. Edward, Fetherston, Harkan Shea, Reid and Keller together with the President, Vice-presidents, and Secretary, of the Society being the Scrutators appointed to preside over the Ballot for a Committee for the year ending 1st December 1850.

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~~Mr Sweeney begged leave~~

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Mr Dockett having moved that Mr Orpin do take the Chair and Mr Reeves having seconded the Motion the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr Goddard for his dignified conduct in the Chair and for the anxiety at all times manifested by him to forward the Interests of the Society and the profession Generally =

John Orpin

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Solicitors Room, Four Courts, Dublin.

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2	William Goddard	58	18	Richard Scott	40
3	Rich ^d . J. J. Orpen.	56	19	Wm. B. Wallace	36
4	John Hazlett	54	20	Wm. J. Kent	35
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8	Arthur Parlow	49	24	J. J. Tweedy	29
9	Thomas Babington	49	25	Edward Fetherston	22
10	Sir Mathew Babington	48	26	Denis O' Fisher	21
11	Murdock Green	48	27	Robt Power	20
12	J. Digges LaFouche	47	28	David Fitzgerald	18
13	Charles Gaujssen	45	29	Mat. Anderson	17
14	John Orpin	43	30	P. McCoy Garthlan	17
15	Edward Reeves	42	31	John Collum	15
16	Ralph Scott	42			

And that the following are the 10 Members having the next greatest Number of Votes on the Ballot, after the Committee, and as such eligible to fill up any vacancies that may occur during the year

No	Names	Votes	No	Names	Votes
1	Thomas Crovie	15	6	Rich ^d . Atkinson	11
2	W. P. Fletcher	15	7	J. M. Cantwell	11
3	E. W. Seymour	13	8	Alexr Dudgeon	10
4	A. C. Sweny	13	9	Wm. Ford	9
5	Robt. A. Wallace	13	10	John Julian	9

Which we submit as our Report this 7th day of December 1849.

William Goddard	John F. Harkness
Luke O'Shea	J. Hamilton Read
Ed. Fetherston. N.	

The Secretary then proceeded to Read the Statement of the Accounts of the Society which had been submitted to the auditors who were appointed on the 26th Ultimo, and which accounts had been examined, touched, and found correct, and duly certified by sd. Auditors, and which were entered in the Ledger kept for that purpose in the Secretarys Office, it was moved and seconded that the report of said Auditors be received, and adopted

The Secretary then proceeded to read a notice of Motion which had been furnished to him by Mr. Tho. Sabington and which was to the following effect
 R. J. I. Orpen
 by " M. Meade & seconded by Mr. Burdett & carried unanimously
 Resolved. That our Committee do take prompt measures

Resolved -
 here copy
 from
 Report of the
 Society

to procure a book to be kept in the Library of this Society for the use of the Members in which shall be entered with a proper Index, the name or names of each petitioner, and his Solicitor, and the Inheritor with their respective additions as set forth in each and every petition lodged, praying a Sale under the Encumbered Estates Bill. Also containing the name and description of the premises, sought to be sold, and the List of the Incumbrances as set forth in such petition or schedule, thereunto annexed, or documents referred to - and Cause to be entered from day to day a like abstract of all future petitions for a Sale or Sales, and take such other measures as to said Committee shall seem meet as far as possible, to prevent surprise, and to afford information to Members of this Society who entitle themselves to the use of the Library

Mr Babington having stated to the meeting his views with respect to the importance which he attached to having a book of the description, alluded to in his Notice (kept on the Table of the Solicitors Room) and Mr Wm Dix having seconded the Motion, same was declared to be carried, and thus the business of the day was concluded

The following notices of motions were handed in and read & ordered to be posted in the Ro. The Docket begged leave to move that Mr Meade do in the previous of the next of the 10th of May next

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Solicitors Room No 1-2-3

Four Courts - Dublin

The General Half Yearly Meeting of The Society of The Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland

Thursday 9th May 1850

Mr Goddard in the Chair

The Secretary informed the Meeting that no special Notice had been given to him of any particular subject to be brought under its consideration

With reference to the Repeal of the Annual Cert. Duty (or Licence), The Secretary having informed the Meeting of the steps which had been taken by this Society in conjunction with the Incorporated Law Society of England, it was urged on the Meeting the necessity which

which existed for the Local Solicitors throughout Ireland exerting their influence with their Representatives in Parliament to attend in the House on the 20th of June next when the bill would be brought forward. The Secretary then read an Analysis of the Votes of the Irish Members on Lord Robt Grosvenor's Motion for liberty to introduce the bill which was as follows, (See fair Minute Book page) and from which it appeared that only 23 Members had voted in favor of it, and 15 with Government against the measure, and that it would be necessary to issue another Circular from this Society to be addressed to all the Irish Members previous to the introduction of the Bill.

This subject having been disposed of Mr Ch^r Williams
 Champion

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted viz:

Moved by Mr. Richard John Theodore Orpen; seconded by Mr. Simpson.

Resolved - Though agreeing in the fundamental principles proposed to be carried out by the Process and Practice Bill, we beg leave to protest against the introduction of the clause whereby the sums of £5 or £6 are arbitrarily fixed as the costs to be recovered against a Defendant in undefended actions, or on plea of confession which will operate most injuriously, and inflict the greatest injury on Plaintiffs, inasmuch as the sum so allowed will not in undefended actions cover the expenditure for law fund duty, the service of the Writ, and other disbursements; and where a Plea of confession shall be given, even immediately after the filing of the declaration, will scarcely cover such expenses.

Moved by Mr. J. W. Boswell; seconded by Mr. A. Smith.

Resolved - That in cases where a Defendant allows judgment to go by default the law fund duty paid to the Crown by the Plaintiff or his Attorney on the several proceedings, including final Judgment, amounts to the sum of £4-2^s being within 18^d of the sum fixed for the costs to be allowed against the Defendant, and which would not reimburse the Plaintiff for the service of the Writ and other expenses in the action, without leaving anything for the Attorney's remuneration.

Moved by Mr. John Ferguson; seconded by Mr. William Henry McGrath.

Resolved - That if the limited amount of costs to be allowed against a Defendant be adhered to, it would be only common justice that the law fund duty, which forms so large a portion of the expenditure in an action, should be forthwith abolished.

Moved by Mr. William Joseph Cooper; seconded by Mr. Charles Johnson.

Resolved - That the clauses in said Bill, dispensing with the signature of Counsel to declarations in ejectment, and certain other actions, and prohibiting any fee whatever being allowed for procuring such signature, will in many cases, act injuriously to Plaintiffs, and impose of the attorney a responsibility to which he ought not to be liable, particularly in action of Ejectment, and for money had and received, in which very difficult

questions of law may arise -

Moved by Mr. John Macnamara bantwell; seconded by Mr. W. H. McGrath.

Resolved - That the course pursued with respect to the Process and Practice Bill, of introducing at the last stage, previous to its being passed, amendments injurious to the rights and properties of persons affected thereby, without allowing time for those parties to remonstrate (if necessary) against such amendments, is highly inconvenient, and has, in the case of that Bill, inflicted a deep injury on the public.

Moved by Mr. John G. Gard, seconded by Mr. Henry Bastable.

Resolved - That it be referred to the Committee of the Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland to prepare Petitions to both houses of Parliament, embodying the foregoing resolutions.

At an adjourned General Meeting of the Attornies and Solicitors of Ireland, held at the Solicitors Room, Four Courts, Dublin, on Wednesday last, the 5th of June instant.

- William Goddard Esq^r -

President of the Society in the Chair -

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:
 Moved by M^r. Richard J. F. Orpen; seconded by M^r. George Dartnell.

Resolved - That the act brought in for the purpose of meeting the objections made to the Procep and Practice Act is insufficient for that purpose, as it leaves a large class of cases, viz, those where Pleas of confession may be given at various stages of the proceedings, untouched by the proposed amendment, and does not rescind the prohibition of a charge for counsels' fee, and this meeting is of opinion that it would be better altogether to repeal the clauses introduced by Lord Glengall -

Moved by M^r. Murdock Green, seconded by M^r. John Knight Boswell.
 Resolved - That we highly approve of the adoption of measures calculated to diminish the expenses of proceedings in the superior courts of Law, particularly where the debt claimed is under £20, but we think that a sound practical system, which will facilitate proceedings and lessen expense, can be best devised and carried out by the abolition of the Law fund duty, and by general Orders to be made by the Judges, in whose wisdom and justice the public and the profession have the greatest confidence.

Moved by M^r. P. C. Garton, seconded by M^r. J. M. Cantwell.
 Resolved - That the fees now allowed to the Attornies practising in the courts of Quarter Sessions in Ireland are wholly inadequate

remuneration to educated gentlemen, and therefore insufficient to compensate for the trouble and responsibility which devolve upon them at present, and will still more accumulate upon them in the event of the jurisdiction of the Assistant Barristers being extended beyond the amount to which it is limited at present.

Moved by Mr. P. P. Mayne, seconded by Mr. J. J. Gibbings.

Resolved - That the consideration of the subjects referred to in the foregoing Resolutions be pressed in Parliament, and that the Government be requested to have the whole question of Law Reform made the subject of careful enquiry.

William Goddard. Chairman.

Mr. Goddard having vacated the Chair, and Mr. R. J. J. Orpen having been called thereto, the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to Mr. Goddard for his dignified conduct in the Chair, and the anxiety at all times evinced by him to forward the interest of the profession.

Edward Hes. Secretary.

Solicitors Buildings. Four Courts -

Dublin 5th June 1850.

Solicitors Room
Four Courts Dublin -

At a General Meeting of the Profession
held on Friday the 12th day of July
1850. -

Robert Power Esq
in the Chair .

The Secretary read the following advertise-
ment which had been published in
the Lambers & Freeman of yesterday
and this day. Viz -

The Society of the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland.

Take Notice - In compliance with a Requisition very numerously
signed, and addressed to the Committee, a General Meeting of the Society
and of the Profession, will be held at the Solicitors' Room, Four Courts, Dublin
on Friday next, the 12th day of July Instant, to consider what measures should
be adopted in consequence of the withdrawal by the Government of the Bill brought
in by Sir John Romilly, in aid of the sales under the Incumbered Estates Court
"Called the Security for Advances Bill."

The Chair to be taken at the hour of Two O'Clock precisely.

By Order

Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts,
11th July 1850.

Edward Nes, Secretary

The Chairman having briefly stated the object of the Meeting the Secretary
proceeded to read the following Requisition -

We the undersigned Request the Committee of the Law Society will call a General
Meeting of the Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland to consider the propriety of
Presenting Petitions to Parliament in consequence of the withdrawal by the
Government of the Bill brought in by Sir John Romilly in aid of the sales
under the Incumbered Estates Court.

Dated this 8th day of July 1850

J. D. Meldow	Foots & Fitzsimons	George Beamish
Garde & Atkinson	Nitchcock & Black	Rich ^d . D. Kane
Patrick Scott	Tho ^s Geoghegan	Robt. Morogh
W ^m Neilson	Henry J. Graham	Jas. & J. H. Elliott
John Little	Mallowes & Hamilton	Robt. Billing & Co
R. W. Ryan & Brady	Int. Sherlock & Sons	Barrington Son & Jeffers

John Ferguson
Henry Bastible
Luke Duff
Thos^r Keller
H. W. Cherry

Pat Nolan
Weldon S. Mollay
McDermott & Graham
Geo. D. Fottall
Leonard Morrogh

James B. Kennedy
Murdoch Greene
George Langford
John Dickinson

The following Resolutions were then adopted-

Moved by M^{rs} Keith Hallows; Seconded by M^{rs} P. D. Jeffers.

Resolved - That the operation of the Incumbered Estates Bill will prematurely bring into the Market between the Months of October and March next an enormous amount of Landed property in Ireland for the purchase of which we cannot under the existing circumstances expect any reasonable competition and we therefore fear that in most instances Estates will be sold at a ruinous sacrifice - That the evils consequent on such a state of things are only to be averted by the prompt adoption of some such measure as "the Security for advances Bill".

Moved by M^{rs} Murdoch Greene; Seconded by M^{rs} Kent.

Resolved - That the Security for advances Bill so as it proposed to go was calculated to meet the impending emergency and that we therefore look upon the withdrawal of that measure as a public calamity.

Moved by M^{rs} Meedy; seconded by M^{rs} M^{rs} Fadden.

Resolved - That "the Security for advances Bill" having been brought forward by the Government with the intention of preventing the mischiefs which were apprehended from the working of the Incumbered Estates Act and having received an extraordinary amount of support in the House of Commons many parties interested in the sales of Landed property in Ireland acted on the assumption that this Bill would become Law and were thereby induced to present Petitions for sales and to publish advertisements holding out the inducement to the public that only half of the purchase money need in the first instance be paid into Court, we therefore still hope that the Government will proceed with this Bill and we think that strong representations should be made to them on this subject.

Moved by M^{rs} Richard O Kane; Seconded by M^{rs} Richard Atkinson.

Resolved - That Petitions shall be prepared and presented to both Houses of Parliament urging in the strongest manner the views expressed by the Meeting as well as our conviction that as an act of Justice to this Country Parliament ought not to separate without making effectual provision for the prevention of the danger which admittedly exists and which involves the threatened ruin of a large portion of Her Majesty's subjects in Ireland and

That such Petitions be forwarded to Lord Mountague for presentation in the Lords and to Sir John Romilly for presentation in the Commons and that Lord Kings, Colonel Dunne, Mr. Grogan, Mr. G. Hamilton, Mr. French, Mr. Monsell and Mr. Sadler be requested to support the prayer of the Petition -

Moved by Mr. Ralph Scott; seconded by Mr. Sherlock. -

Resolved - That a Deputation be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Earl of Claremow consisting of the following Gentlemen Robert Power, Keith Hallowes, Mervock Greene, Richard Atkinson, W. P. Fletcher, W. J. Kent, P. D. Jeffers and represent to His Excellency the necessity which exists for the immediate passing of the security for advances Bill and that Mr. Greene Mr. R. D. Kane and Mr. W. H. Magrath be requested to take charge of the Petitions and by personal interviews with Members of the Government and of both Houses of Parliament endeavour to secure the passing of the Bill this session -

Moved by Mr. Jeffers; seconded by Mr. R. Atkinson. -

Resolved - That the Secretary be directed to have the foregoing Resolutions published in Saunders News Letter and the Freeman's Journal

Edward Hes, Secretary
Solicitors Buildings

Robert Power, Chairman

Four Courts

Dublin 12th July 1850

The Secretary then read to the Meeting the Draft of the proposed Petitions which having been approved of was as follows -

To The ^{rs} rs

The Petition of the undersigned Attorneys practising in the Court for the sale of Encumbered Estates in Ireland -

Shumbly Shewell

That your Petitioners are concerned for persons who have presented Petitions for sales to the Encumbered Estates Court in Ireland or for owners of Land or for persons having incumbrances on Land in Ireland -

That the operation of the Incumbered Estates

Bill will peremptorily bring into the Market between the Months of October and March next an enormous amount of Landed property in Ireland for the Purchase of which under existing circumstances no reasonable competition can be expected, and therefore Petitioners fear that in most instances this property will be sold at a ruinous sacrifice and in support of the views thus entertained by Petitioners, they beg to state to your Honorable House that they have reason to believe that in the months of October or November next the proceedings will be ripe in at least 1700 different cases for sales of Estates, the Purchase Money for which at 20 years purchase on the net income would amount to the sum of £6,000,000 and although your Petitioners are not in possession of materials to enable them to state the result with perfect accuracy from the information they have been enabled to collect, Petitioners believe they have not overstated the amount of the Purchase money which would be so required, and your Petitioners further shew that as yet the sales of Estates under said Court have necessarily been of a limited character and that although sales have taken place in 82 Cases yet in several instances small portions only of the Estates ordered to be sold have been disposed of and that the total amount produced by said sales does not exceed the sum of £330,000. your Petitioners therefore submit to your Honorable House that the evils consequent upon the sale of property to so great an extent within a short period of time can only be averted by the prompt adoption of some such measure as "The security for advances Bill"

That this Bill so far as it proposed to go was calculated to meet the impending emergency and therefore your Petitioners look upon the withdrawal of that measure as a public calamity.

That "the security for advances Bill having been brought forward with the intention of preventing the mischiefs which were apprehended from the working of the Incumbered Estates Act and having also received an Extraordinary amount of support in your Honorable House, many parties interested in the sales of Landed property in Ireland acted on the assumption that this Bill would become Law and were thereby induced to present Petitions for sales and to publish advertisements holding out the inducement to the public that only half of the Purchase money need in the first instance be paid into Court.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House to take these matters into

consideration and without delay to pass such measures as the "Security for advances Bill" in order that the evils apprehended and which may arise before the next Session of Parliament shall be effectually avoided.

And Petitioners will pray

Mess^{rs} Hallows - Jeffers - Kent - Green - Meedy - Atkinson -
 M^r Fadden - and have severally addressed the Meeting in favour of the Resolutions proposed and of the Petitions to be forwarded to both Houses of Parliament grounded on same - and.

Mess^{rs} Cantwell, Boswell and Forde addressed the Meeting and dissented from the other Speakers and expressed themselves as being opposed to the passing of the Measures referred to in the Resolutions

Chairman

The Business of the Meeting having been concluded M^r Hallows begged leave to propose that M^r Meedy should take the Chair which being seconded by M^r P. D. Jeffers the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously accorded to M^r Power for his very proper and dignified conduct in the Chair -

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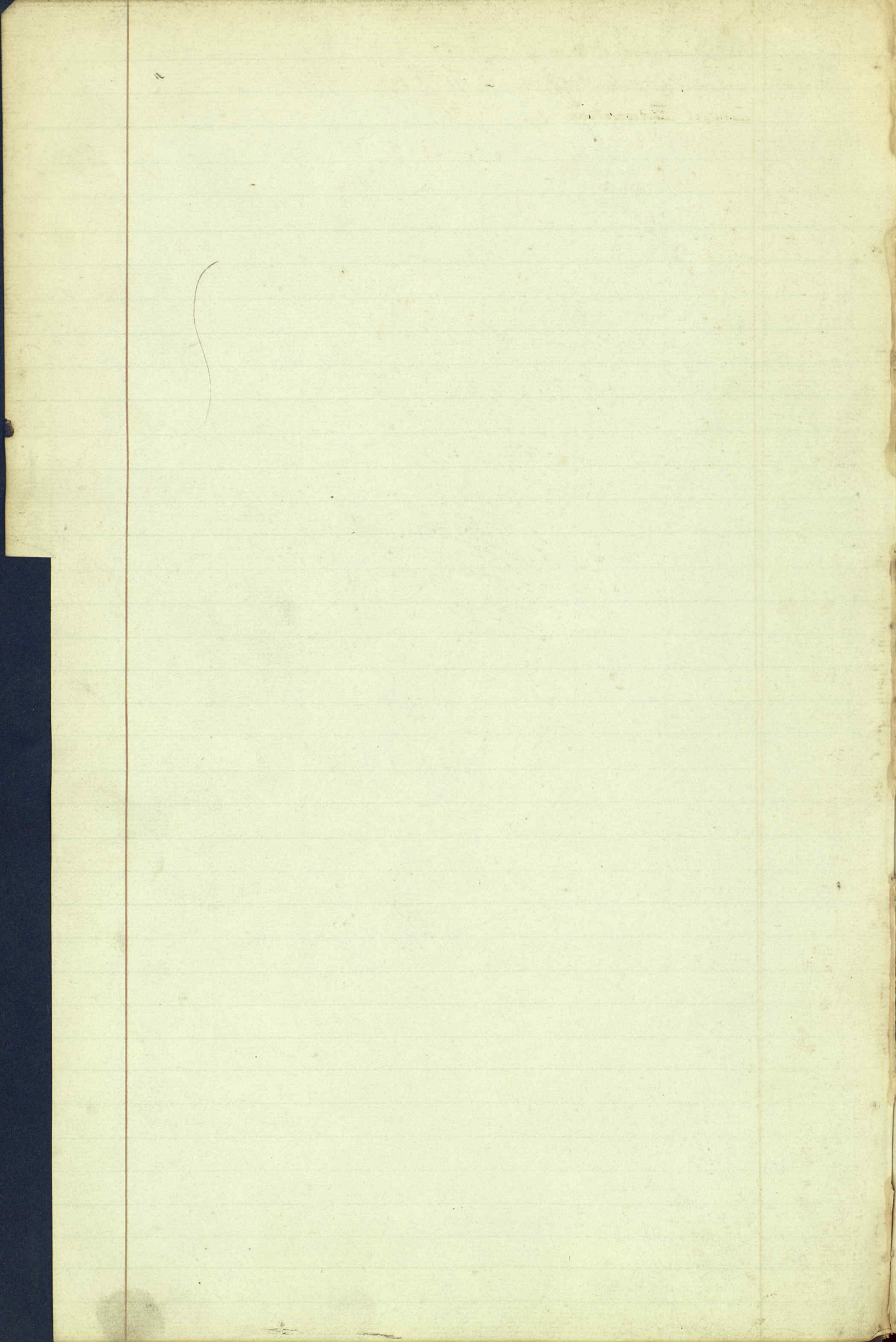
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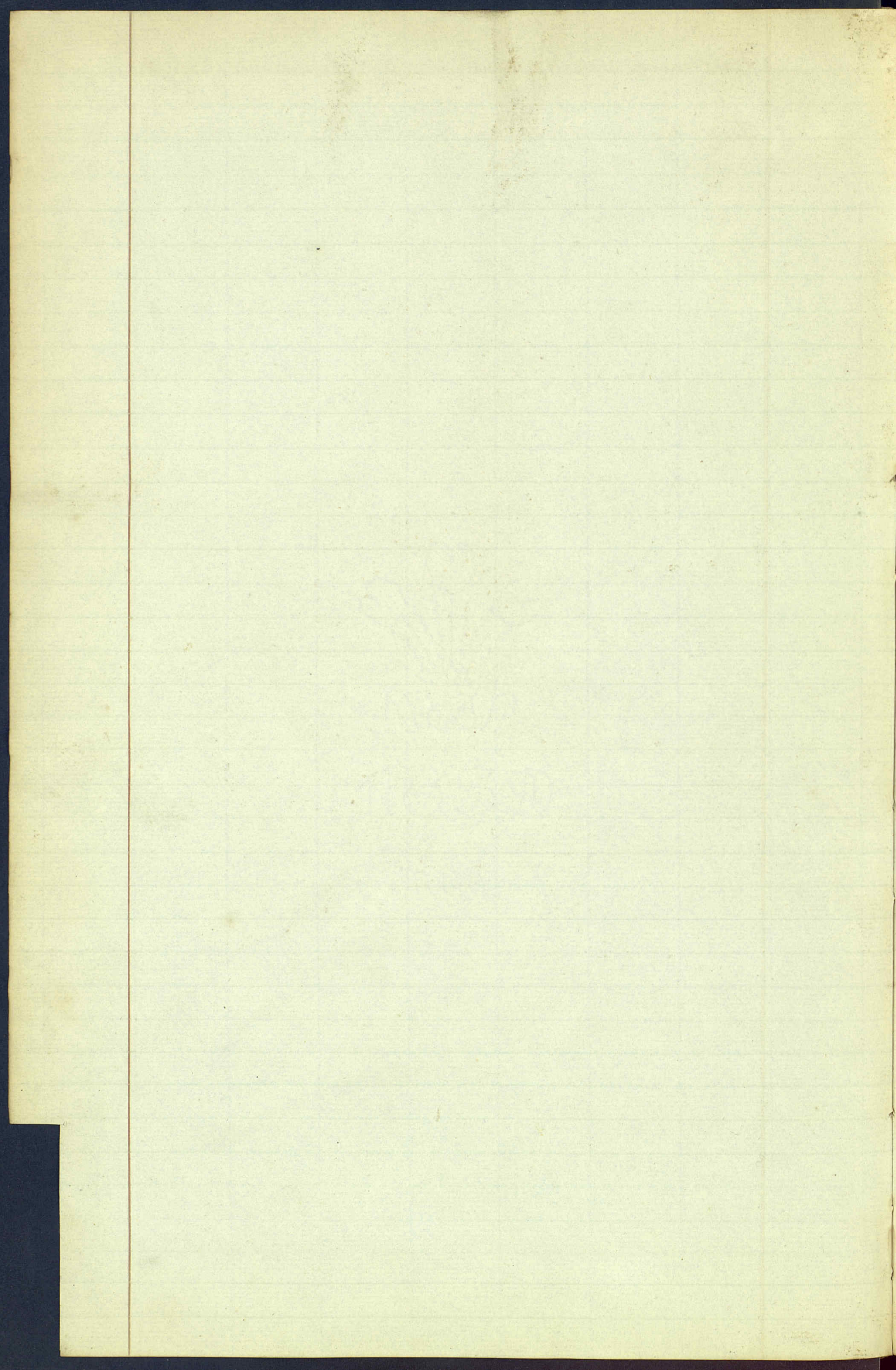
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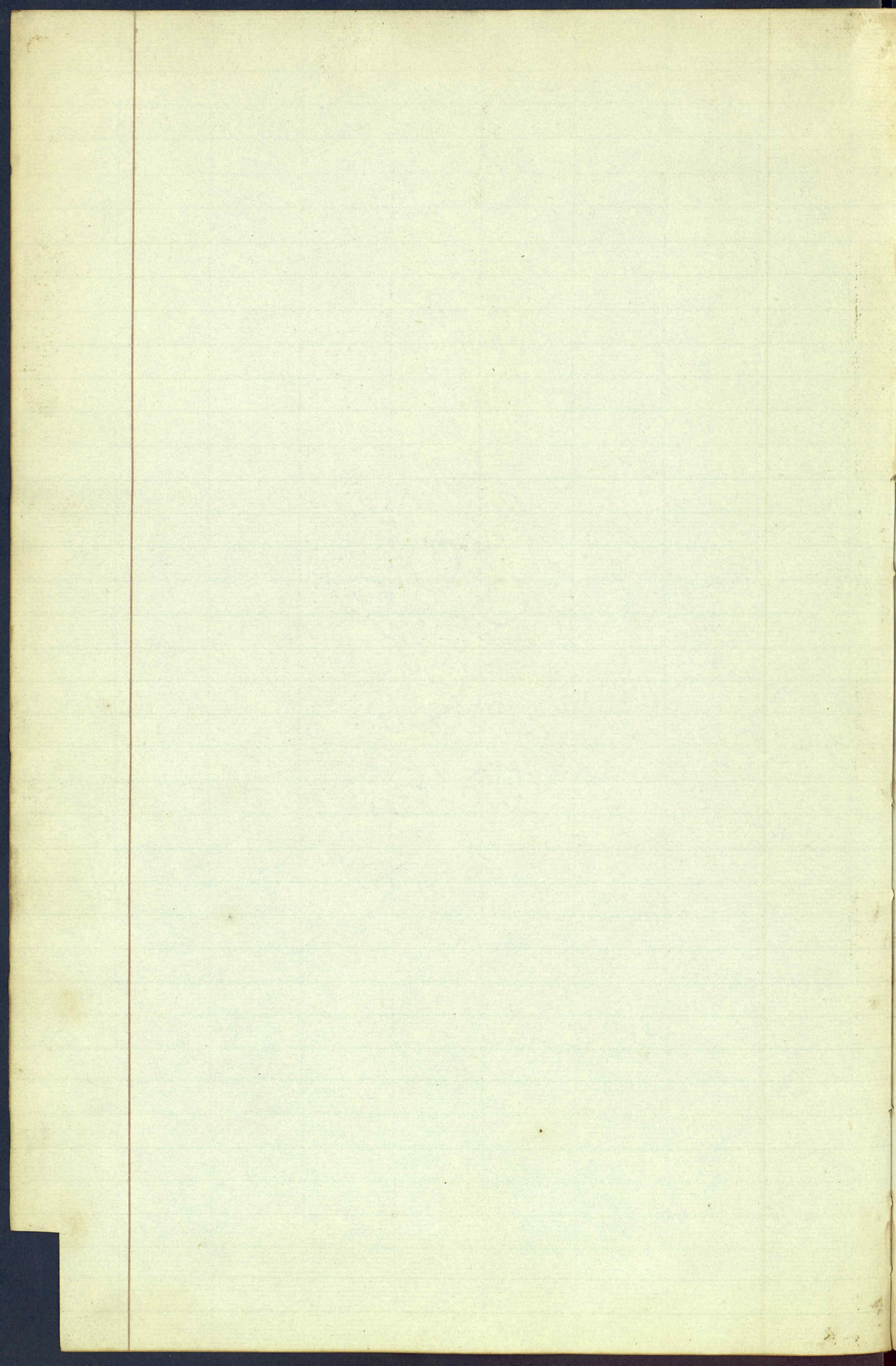
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