

Mr. WILSON (Norfolk) said, in his own county, he never heard any fault found with the present County officials—except the Clerk of the Peace—and, as he regarded that case, he had never believed there was any ground for the charges against him. There was more fault found in that section of the lawyers and their fees. (Hear, hear.) One complaint was, that the sultans should be taxed to build the edifice erected in Toronto for the accommodation of the legal profession.

Mr. Luton, (Hastings), said there was a good deal of feeling throughout the country, against the present law. He was told that in Leamington, the Revenue was as much as \$15,000 or \$20,000. He thought that was too much for an official to receive. He had no complaints against the Sheriff or County Attorney in his county. He was satisfied they were not sufficiently paid. There was a feeling in his Riding that suits for small sums not going \$15 or \$20 might be decided before magistrates, instead of the cost being of taking witnesses, &c, some distant division court.

Mr. RYKER (South Grey) did not think the charges brought against the member for South Grey were warranted by the facts; he (Mr. Rykert) considered that the sheriffs as a class were highly respectable men. If there were any exception in the legal profession had the remedy been given them by the law.

Mr. LAUD (South Grey) had not brought a wholesale accusation against sheriffs as a class.

Mr. RYKER said if the honourable gentleman had any charges against sheriffs, and could show them, he had exhausted every legal remedy with getting redress, then it would be time to ask the intervention of the Government.

Mr. CURRIE (West Middlesex) said he was sure his honourable colleague, who had moved this resolution, had not intended to bring any accusation against the county officials of Middlesex. In his (Mr. Currie's) Riding, this question had been raised by his opponent; but he very soon dropped it when he found the feeling of the people was that the charges should be paid by fees, and not by salaries. He (Mr. Currie) proposed that, if the house supported before this session, to take one fifth off the salaries of the Sheriffs by changing the system of selecting jurors, and by transferring to magistrates the power of dealing with petty larcenies. In many counties, parties had been sent for trial, though the magistrates were of opinion a conviction could not be obtained; and each of them cost the county \$50. He was in favour of the fee principle, but not of enormous fees. He should like to have the whole system of fees thoroughly examined, and if they were found to be excessive, let them be put down.

The motion was withdrawn.