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PROPOSED ACT OF SEDERUNT REGULATING THE FEES OF AGENTS AND OTHERS IN THE SHERIFF COURT.

THE Lords of Council and Session, considering that by section 40 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907 it is provided that—

The Court of Session may from time to time, by Act of Sederunt, make such regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as may be necessary for carrying into effect the purposes thereof for regulating the practice of the Sheriff Courts (including diligence and procedure under the Small Debt Acts); and for regulating the fees of agents, officers, shorthand writers, and others, and with the concurrence of the Treasury, for regulating the fees of Court; and for altering, amending, or adding to the rules of procedure in the first schedule hereto: Provided that at least two weeks before the same is signed the terms of the proposed Act of Sederunt shall be published in the *Edinburgh Gazette* and at least two other newspapers in Scotland: Provided also that every such Act of Sederunt shall, within one week from the date thereof, be transmitted by the Lord President of the Court of Session to the Secretary for Scotland, in order that it may be laid before the Houses of Parliament; and if either of the Houses of Parliament shall within thirty-six days after it has been laid before them resolve that the whole or any part of such Act of Sederunt ought not to continue in force, the whole or such part thereof as shall be included in such resolution shall from and after the date of the passing of such resolution cease to be binding.

And considering that in consequence of the alterations on the forms of process introduced by the said Act and of the extensions of the jurisdiction therein made, it is expedient to alter the Act of Sederunt of 4th December 1878, regulating the fees of procurators in the Sheriff Courts: Do therefore, in virtue of the powers conferred by the said Act of Parliament, provide and enact that, in place of the Regulations and Table of Fees annexed to the said Act of Sederunt, the Regulations and Table of Fees hereto annexed shall, in actions begun after 1st May 1908, regulate the fees of Agents and others in the Sheriff Courts in Scotland, until the same shall be altered by the Court; and the Regulations and Table of Fees authorised by this Act of Sederunt shall apply to expenses in proceedings under the Workmen's Compensation Act 1906, begun after 1st May 1908; and the Lords appoint this Act and the Regulations and Table of Fees hereto annexed to be engrossed in the Books of Sederunt, and printed and published in common form.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. In the Ordinary Sheriff Court, except as after stated, there shall be two scales of taxation, viz., *first*, for causes where the amount of principal concluded for does not exceed £50; and *second*,