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Should be invited to be seen but this

is hardly worth a note of objection at the ^{stage} ^{C T E}

If the Committee thought an appeal

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was likely to over its own operations

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revising these reports where it was

unnecessary, then we might have

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This was a Taxation between Messrs. Balfour & Manson and the Law Society in connection with the Solicitors' fees for revising the Enquiry Agents' reports. The Solicitors charged on the basis of one-half of the normal alternative fee for Precognitions.

The Law Society submitted that the fees for the Enquiry Agents' reports had to be charged on the basis of Chapter I of the Table of Fees, - in other words, in detail.

The Table of Fees provides that in an account as between husband and wife in consistorial cases it shall be competent to charge partly detailed charges and partly alternative charges. The Auditor's opinion is that it is in the option of the Solicitor to decide whether any given fee shall be on the alternative basis or on the detailed basis. It therefore seems to the Auditor that the Solicitors were entitled to charge on the alternative fee basis.

It has been the practice in the Auditor's office for many years to allow Enquiry Agents' reports to be charged on the alternative basis by means of a half charge for Precognitions to represent the Solicitor's work in revising the Enquiry Agents' reports.

Paragraph 3 of the Notes to Paragraph 5 in Chapter III provides that where a skilled witness prepares his own Precognition or Report the Solicitor

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shall be allowed for revising and adjusting it half of the taking and drawing fee per sheet. This paragraph does not apply strictly, but it is an indication that this kind of report would be reasonably charged on that basis. The Auditor sees no reason at present to change his view as to the correct way of charging for Enquiry Agents' reports, and proposes to leave the practice as it stands at present.



W. R. [Signature]

3rd April, 1979.