



Stamp Act 1891

1891 CHAPTER 39

PART II

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PARTICULAR INSTRUMENTS

Certificates of Solicitors and others

44 Penalty on unqualified persons preparing instruments

Every person who (not being a barrister, or a duly certificated solicitor, law agent, writer to the signet, notary public, conveyancer, special pleader, or draftsman in equity) either directly or indirectly, for or in expectation of any fee, gain, or reward, draws or prepares any instrument relating to real or personal estate, or any proceeding in law or equity, shall incur a fine of fifty pounds.

Provided as follows :

- (1) This section does not extend to—
 - (a) Any public officer drawing or preparing instruments in the course of his duty;
or
 - (b) Any person employed merely to engross any instrument or proceeding.
- (2) The expression " instrument" in this section does not include—
 - (a) A will or other testamentary instrument; or
 - (b) An agreement under hand only ; or
 - (c) A letter or power of attorney ; or
 - (d) A transfer of stock containing no trust or limitation thereof.