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SLAVE BOUNTIES.

RETURN to an ORDER of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 7 June 1838;—for,

A RETURN of the Nature and Amount of the FEES charged at the Treasury
and Exchequer on all BOUNTIES issued for the Seizure of SLAVES.

CERTAIN Fees were charged at the Treasury and Exchequer up to the year 1834, on all issues of public money, including those for Bounties on Slaves captured, but upon the alteration then made in the mode of making payments, a revision of these charges became necessary.

The accompanying Extract from a Treasury Minute, shows the regulations then laid down, and the same continue in force, the sums formerly paid being no longer demanded as fees, but a deduction to the same amount being made from the gross amount of bounty due, by which means the parties receive from the public the exact amount which they would have received, according to the system observed during the whole period for which these bounties have been payable.

EXTRACT of TREASURY MINUTE, dated 30 December 1834.

My Lords read their Minutes of 11th, 18th, 21st, and 26th November and 2d December, directing the charge of certain sums for Slave Bounties upon the Consolidated Fund of the quarter ending 5th January 1835.

My Lords advert to the fact, that all such payments were subject at the Exchequer to the following deductions; viz.

Auditor's fee, 1 *l.* 5 *s.* per cent., and 2 *s.* 6 *d.* per warrant.

Pells' fee, 12 *s.* 6 *d.* per cent. and 2 *s.* 6 *d.* per warrant.

Teller's fee, 3 *l.* per cent.

The amount of such charges being therefore 4 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d.* per cent. and 5 *s.* per warrant.

In addition to these fees, there were also paid at this office on all such grants above 20 *l.* and not exceeding 50 *l.*, a fee of 1 *l.* 1 *s.*, and on all sums above 50 *l.* a fee of 3 *l.* 13 *s.* 6 *d.*

As all these payments will now be made through the Paymaster of Civil Services, by whom no such fees are taken, and as it is not the intention of my Lords that the parties to whom such payments shall be made shall be relieved from any charges heretofore imposed upon them, they desire that the following sums may be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the present quarter, in lieu of those directed by the Minutes above referred to, and in place of those recommended in the other cases by Mr. Rothery; such sums to be payable to the several and respective parties by the Paymaster of Civil Services, as being the exact net amounts which would have been paid to each, had they been received, as formerly, at the Exchequer.

Transmit copy of this Minute to Mr. Rothery for his information, and desire that in all future cases he will state not only the gross sum to which parties are entitled, but also the amount of deductions to which such sum would have been liable at the Exchequer, calculated according to the rates of charge stated in this Minute; that is, 4 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d.* per cent., and 5 *s.* per warrant; together with a Treasury fee of 1 *l.* 1 *s.* on all sums above 20 *l.* and not exceeding 50 *l.*, and of 3 *l.* 13 *s.* 6 *d.* on all sums above 50 *l.*

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, }
13 June 1838.

E. J. STANLEY.

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(*Captain Pechell.*)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
14 June 1838.
