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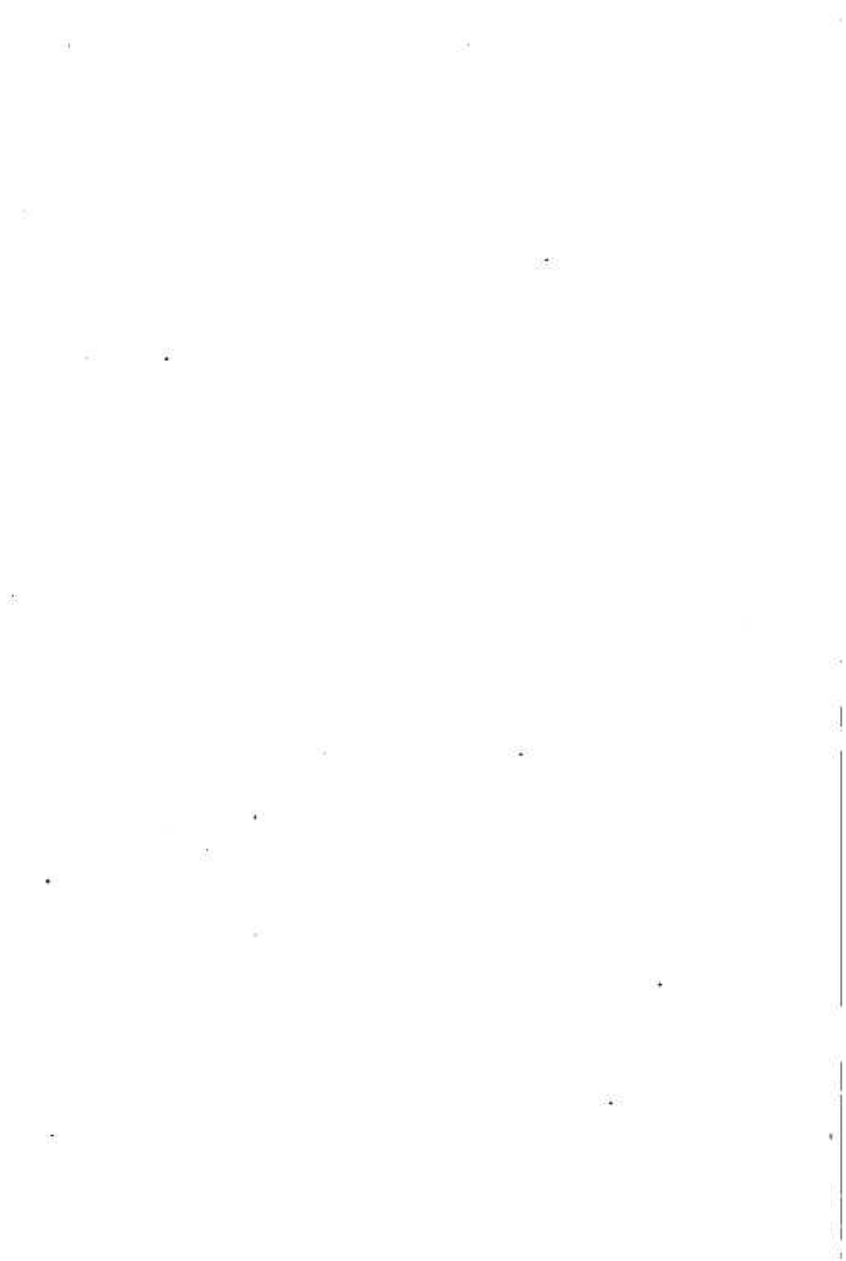
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SOLICITORS' REMUNERATION ACT,
1881.

INTRODUCTION.

THE length of lawyers' bills has long been a standing joke with the general public and a subject of complaint with those who have had to pay them; although the real grievance has lain more in the mode of arriving at the amount than in the amount itself. Several attempts have been made by the legislature to deal with the question, the last being by 44 & 45 Vict. c. 44, which is commonly known as the "Solicitors' Remuneration Act, 1881," and which is the first Act that has endeavoured, in anything like a definite manner, to place solicitors' charges on an *ad valorem* basis.

Solicitors'
Remunera-
tion Act,
1881.

This Act does not extend to Scotland, and it expressly excludes from its operation solicitors' charges in respect of actions, or other business of a contentious nature. As regards England, it empowers the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, the president of the Incorporated Law Society, and the president of one of the provincial law societies (the last-named to be selected and nominated by the Lord Chancellor), or any three of them, the Lord Chancellor being one, to make general orders regulating the remuneration of solicitors in respect of con-

Provisions
as to mak-
ing general
orders.