

ment for his alleged services in the prosecution of her claim. After the receipt of the first letter, dated May 22, 1911, which Mrs. Jones sent to me, she wrote a letter at my dictation to Skinner, asking him to send her an itemized statement of what he claimed she owed him in the way of fees. Her letter elicited one from Skinner, accompanied by an itemized statement of his alleged account, both dated June 13th, 1911. It will be observed that it opens with an item of expenditures in behalf of the mother's claim of \$36 and presents a total of \$50.85.

The witness, Florence Anderson (now Jones) is a colored girl of exceptional intelligence and veracity, and her statement is entitled to full credit. It is not believed, however, that Skinner will attempt to deny the authorship of the letters in question, but that he will rather rely upon justification thru the fact of actual outlay.

This case seems to come within the purview of the 4th section of the Act of June 27th, 1890 and acts amendatory thereto, and I recommend reference of papers to Chief of Law Division with a view to criminal prosecution of said Charles L. Skinner for demanding an illegal fee. Were this an isolated case the necessity for his prosecution might not be so apparent, but it is only one of many offenses of like character of which he has been guilty, and it is evident that nothing short of stern measures will put a stop to his nefarious business.

Very respectfully,

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