

Supreme Court of Judicature Act (1873)

Amendment.

[38 & 39 VICT. CH. 77.]

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Clause.

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CHAPTER 77.

An Act to amend and extend the Supreme Court of A.D. 1875.
Judicature Act, 1873. [11th August 1875.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend and extend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1873:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act shall, so far as is consistent with the tenor thereof, be construed as one with the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1873, (in this Act referred to as the principal Act,) and together with the principal Act may be cited as the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts, 1873 and 1875, and this Act may be cited separately as the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875.

Short title,
and construction
with
36 & 37 Vict.
c. 66.

2. This Act, except any provision thereof which is declared to take effect before the commencement of this Act, shall commence and come into operation on the first day of November 1875.

Commence-
ment of
Act.

Sections twenty, twenty-one, and fifty-five of the principal Act shall not commence or come into operation until the first day of November 1876, and until the said sections come into operation an appeal may be brought to the House of Lords from any judgment or order of the Court of Appeal herein-after mentioned in any case in which any appeal or error might now be brought to the House of Lords or to Her Majesty in Council from a similar judgment, decree, or order of any Court or Judge whose jurisdiction is by the principal Act transferred to the High Court of Justice or the Court of Appeal, or in any case in which leave to appeal shall be given by the Court of Appeal.

3. Whereas by section five of the principal Act it is provided as follows: "that if at the commencement of this Act the number of puisne justices and junior barons who shall become Judges of the

Explanation
of 36 & 37
Vict. c. 66.
s. 5. as to
number of
Judges.

A.D. 1875. " said High Court shall exceed twelve in the whole, no new Judge
" of the said High Court shall be appointed in the place of any
" such puisne justice or junior baron who shall die or resign while
" such whole number shall exceed twelve, it being intended that
" the permanent number of Judges of the said High Court shall not
" exceed twenty-one;" and whereas, having regard to the state of
business in the several courts whose jurisdiction is transferred by
the principal Act to the High Court of Justice, it is expedient that
the number of Judges thereof should not at present be reduced:
Be it enacted, that so much of the said section as is herein-before
recited shall be repealed.

The Lord Chancellor shall not be deemed to be a permanent
Judge of that Court, and the provisions of the said section
relating to the appointment and style of the Judges of the said
High Court shall not apply to the Lord Chancellor.

Constitution
of Court of
Appeal.

4. Her Majesty's Court of Appeal, in this Act and in the principal
Act referred to as the Court of Appeal, shall be constituted as
follows: There shall be five ex-officio Judges thereof, and also so
many ordinary Judges, not exceeding three at any one time, as Her
Majesty shall from time to time appoint.

The ex-officio Judges shall be the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief
Justice of England, the Master of the Rolls, the Lord Chief Justice
of the Common Pleas, and the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

The first ordinary Judges of the said Court shall be the present
Lords Justices of Appeal in Chancery, and such one other
person as Her Majesty may be pleased to appoint by Letters
Patent. Such appointment may be made either before or after the
commencement of this Act, but if made before shall take effect at
the commencement of the Act.

The ordinary Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be styled
Justices of Appeal.

The Lord Chancellor may by writing addressed to the Pre-
sident of any one or more of the following divisions of the High
Court of Justice, that is to say, the Queen's Bench Division, the
Common Pleas Division, the Exchequer Division, and the Probate,
Divorce, and Admiralty Division, request the attendance at any time,
except during the times of the spring or summer circuits, of an
additional Judge from such division or divisions (not being ex-officio
Judge or Judges of the Court of Appeal) at the sittings of the Court
of Appeal, and a Judge, to be selected by the division from which
his attendance is requested, shall attend accordingly.

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Every additional Judge, during the time that he attends the sittings of Her Majesty's Court of Appeal, shall have all the jurisdiction and powers of a Judge of the said Court of Appeal, but he shall not otherwise be deemed to be a Judge of the said Court, or to have ceased to be a Judge of the division of the High Court of Justice to which he belongs.

Section fifty-four of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and instead thereof the following enactment shall take effect: No Judge of the said Court of Appeal shall sit as a Judge on the hearing of an appeal from any judgment or order made by himself, or made by any Divisional Court of the High Court of which he was and is a member.

Whenever the office of an ordinary Judge of the Court of Appeal becomes vacant a new Judge may be appointed thereto by Her Majesty by Letters Patent.

5. All the Judges of the High Court of Justice, and of the Court of Appeal respectively, with the exception of the Lord Chancellor, shall hold their offices as such Judges respectively during good behaviour, subject to a power of removal by Her Majesty, on an address presented to Her Majesty by both Houses of Parliament. No Judge of either of the said Courts shall be capable of being elected to or of sitting in the House of Commons. Every person appointed after the passing of this Act to be Judge of either of the said Courts (other than the Lord Chancellor), when he enters on the execution of his office, shall take, in the presence of the Lord Chancellor, the oath of allegiance, and judicial oath as defined by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868. The oaths to be taken by the Lord Chancellor shall be the same as heretofore.

Tenure of office of Judges, and oaths of office. Judges not to sit in the House of Commons.

6. The Lord Chancellor shall be President of the Court of Appeal; the other ex-officio Judges of the Court of Appeal shall rank in the order of their present respective official precedence. The ordinary Judges of the Court of Appeal, if not entitled to precedence as Peers or Privy Councillors, shall rank according to the priority of their respective appointments as such Judges.

Precedence of Judges.

The Judges of the High Court of Justice who are not also Judges of the Court of Appeal shall rank next after the Judges of the Court of Appeal, and, among themselves (subject to the provisions in the principal Act contained as to existing Judges), according to the priority of their respective appointments.

7. Any jurisdiction usually vested in the Lords Justices of Appeal in Chancery, or either of them, in relation to the persons

Jurisdiction of Lords Justices in respect of lunatics.

A.D. 1875. and estates of idiots, lunatics, and persons of unsound mind, shall be exercised by such Judge or Judges of the High Court of Justice or Court of Appeal as may be intrusted by the sign manual of Her Majesty or Her successors with the care and commitment of the custody of such persons and estates; and all enactments referring to the Lords Justices as so intrusted shall be construed as if such Judge or Judges so intrusted had been named therein instead of such Lords Justices: Provided that each of the persons who may at the commencement of the principal Act be Lords Justices of Appeal in Chancery shall, during such time as he continues to be a Judge of the Court of Appeal, and is intrusted as aforesaid, retain the jurisdiction vested in him in relation to such persons and estates as aforesaid.

Admiralty
Judges and
registrar.

8. Whereas by section eleven of the principal Act it is provided as follows: "Every existing Judge who is by this Act made
" a Judge of the High Court of Justice or an ordinary Judge of the
" Court of Appeal shall, as to tenure of office, rank, title, salary,
" pension, patronage, and powers of appointment or dismissal, and
" all other privileges and disqualifications, remain in the same
" condition as if this Act had not passed; and, subject to the
" change effected in their jurisdiction and duties by or in pursuance
" of the provisions of this Act, each of the said existing Judges shall
" be capable of performing and liable to perform all duties which
" he would have been capable of performing or liable to perform in
" pursuance of any Act of Parliament, law, or custom if this Act
" had not passed. No Judge appointed before the passing of this
" Act shall be required to act under any commission of assize, nisi
" prius, oyer and terminer, or gaol delivery, unless he was so liable
" by usage or custom at the commencement of this Act:"

And whereas the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty is by the principal Act appointed a Judge of the High Court of Justice:

And whereas such Judge is, as to salary and pension, inferior in position to the other puisne Judges of the superior courts of common law, but holds certain ecclesiastical and other offices in addition to the office of Judge of the High Court of Admiralty:

And whereas it is expedient that such Judge, if he be willing to relinquish such other offices, should be placed in the same position as to rank, salary, and pension as the other puisne Judges of the superior courts of common law:

Be it enacted that—

If the existing Judge of the High Court of Admiralty under his hand signifies to the Lord Chancellor in writing, before the com-

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commencement of the principal Act, that he is willing to relinquish such other offices as aforesaid, and does before the commencement of the principal Act resign all other offices of emolument held by him except the office of Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, he shall, from and after the commencement of the principal Act, be entitled to the same rank, salary, and pension as if he had been appointed a Judge of the High Court of Justice immediately on the commencement of the principal Act, with this addition, that, in reckoning service for the purposes of his pension, his service as a Judge of the High Court of Admiralty shall be reckoned in the same manner as if the High Court of Justice had been established at the time of his accepting the office of Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and he had continued from such time to be a Judge of the said High Court of Justice.

The present holder of the office of registrar of Her Majesty in Ecclesiastical and Admiralty causes, shall, as respects any appeals in which he would otherwise be concerned coming within the cognizance of the Court of Appeal, be deemed to be an officer attached to the Supreme Court; and the office, so far as respects the duties in relation to such appeals as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be a separate office within the meaning of section seventy-seven of the principal Act, and may be dealt with accordingly. He shall be entitled, in so far as he sustains any loss of emoluments by or in consequence of the principal Act or this Act, to prefer a claim to the Treasury in the same manner as an officer paid out of fees whose emoluments are affected by the passing of the principal Act is entitled to do under section eighty of the principal Act.

Subject as aforesaid, the person who is at the time of the passing of this Act registrar of Her Majesty in Ecclesiastical and Admiralty causes shall, notwithstanding anything in the principal Act or this Act, have the same rank and hold his office upon the same tenure and upon the same terms and conditions as heretofore; but it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by Order in Council made upon the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor, with the concurrence of the Treasury, to make, notwithstanding anything contained in any Act of Parliament, such arrangements with respect to the duties of the said last-mentioned office, either by abolition thereof or otherwise, as to Her Majesty may seem expedient: Provided that such Order shall not take effect during the continuance in such office of the said person so being registrar at the time of the passing of this Act, without his assent.

A.D. 1875. Every Judge of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the said High Court of Justice appointed after the passing of this Act shall, so far as the state of business in the said division will admit, share with the Judges mentioned in section thirty-seven of the principal Act the duty of holding sittings for trials by jury in London and Middlesex, and sittings under commissions of assize, oyer and terminer, and gaol delivery.

London
Court of
Bankruptcy
not to be
transferred
to High
Court of
Justice.

9. The London Court of Bankruptcy shall not be united or consolidated with the Supreme Court of Judicature, and the jurisdiction of that Court shall not be transferred under the principal Act to the High Court of Justice, but shall continue the same in all respects as if such transfer had not been made by the principal Act, and the principal Act shall be construed as if such union, consolidation, and transfer had not been made: Provided that—

- (1.) The office of Chief Judge in Bankruptcy shall be filled by such one of the Judges of the High Court of Justice appointed since the passing of the Bankruptcy Act, 1869, or, with his consent, of such one of the Judges appointed prior to the passing of the last-mentioned Act, as may be appointed by the Lord Chancellor to that office; and,
- (2.) The appeal from the London Court of Bankruptcy shall lie to the Court of Appeal in accordance with the principal Act.

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of 36 & 37
Vict. c. 66.
s. 25. as to
rules of law
upon certain
points.

10. Whereas, by section twenty-five of the principal Act, after reciting that it is expedient to amend and declare the law to be thereafter administered in England as to the matters next therein-after mentioned, certain enactments are made with respect to the law, and it is expedient to amend the said section: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Sub-section one of clause twenty-five of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and instead thereof the following enactment shall take effect; (that is to say,) in the administration by the Court of the assets of any person who may die after the commencement of this Act, and whose estate may prove to be insufficient for the payment in full of his debts and liabilities, and in the winding up of any company under the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867, whose assets may prove to be insufficient for the payment of its debts and liabilities and the costs of winding up, the same rules shall prevail and be observed as to the respective rights of secured and unsecured creditors, and as to debts and liabilities provable, and as to the valuation of annuities and future

and contingent liabilities respectively, as may be in force for the time being under the Law of Bankruptcy with respect to the estates of persons adjudged bankrupt; and all persons who in any such case would be entitled to prove for and receive dividends out of the estate of any such deceased person, or out of the assets of any such company, may come in under the decree or order for the administration of such estate, or under the winding up of such company, and make such claims against the same as they may respectively be entitled to by virtue of this Act. A.D. 1875.

In sub-section seven of the said section the reference to the date of the passing of the principal Act shall be deemed to refer to the date of the commencement of the principal Act.

11. Subject to any Rules of Court and to the provisions of the principal Act and this Act and to the power of transfer, every person by whom any cause or matter may be commenced in the said High Court of Justice shall assign such cause or matter to one of the divisions of the said High Court as he may think fit, by marking the document by which the same is commenced with the name of such division, and giving notice thereof to the proper officer of the court: Provided that—

Provision as to option for any Plaintiff (subject to Rules) to choose in what division he will sue,—in substitution for 36 & 37 Vict. c. 66. s. 35.

(1.) All interlocutory and other steps and proceedings in or before the said High Court in any cause or matter subsequent to the commencement thereof, shall be taken (subject to any Rules of Court and to the power of transfer) in the division of the said High Court to which such cause or matter is for the time being attached; and,

(2.) If any plaintiff or petitioner shall at any time assign his cause or matter to any division of the said High Court to which, according to the Rules of Court or the provisions of the principal Act or this Act, the same ought not to be assigned, the Court, or any Judge of such division, upon being informed thereof, may, on a summary application at any stage of the cause or matter, direct the same to be transferred to the division of the said Court to which, according to such rules or provisions, the same ought to have been assigned, or he may, if he think it expedient so to do, retain the same in the division in which the same was commenced; and all steps and proceedings whatsoever taken by the plaintiff or petitioner or by any other party in any such cause or matter,

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and all orders made therein by the Court or any Judge thereof before any such transfer shall be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes in the same manner as if the same respectively had been taken and made in the proper division of the said Court to which such cause or matter ought to have been assigned; and,

- (3.) Subject to Rules of Court, a person commencing any cause or matter shall not assign the same to the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division unless he would have been entitled to commence the same in the Court of Probate, or in the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, or in the High Court of Admiralty, if this Act had not passed.

Sittings of
Court of
Appeal.

12. Every appeal to the Court of Appeal shall, where the subject-matter of the appeal is a final order, decree, or judgment, be heard before not less than three Judges of the said Court sitting together, and shall, when the subject-matter of the appeal is an interlocutory order, decree, or judgment, be heard before not less than two Judges of the said Court sitting together.

Any doubt which may arise as to what decrees, orders, or judgments are final, and what are interlocutory, shall be determined by the Court of Appeal.

Subject to the provisions contained in this section the Court of Appeal may sit in two divisions at the same time.

Amendment
of s. 60 of
36 & 37 Vict.
c. 66. as to
district
registrars.

13. Whereas by section sixty of the principal Act it is provided that for the purpose of facilitating the prosecution in country districts of legal proceedings, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by Order in Council from time to time to direct that there shall be district registrars in such places as shall be in such order mentioned for districts to be thereby defined; and whereas it is expedient to amend the said section, be it therefore enacted that—

Where any such Order has been made, two persons may, if required, be appointed to perform the duties of district registrar in any district named in the Order, and such persons shall be deemed to be joint district registrars, and shall perform the said duties in such manner as may from time to time be directed by the said Order, or any Order in Council amending the same.

Moreover the registrar of any inferior court of record having jurisdiction in any part of any district defined by such Order (other than a county court) shall, if appointed by Her Majesty, be qualified to be a district registrar for the said district or for any

and such part thereof as may be directed by such Order or any Order amending the same. A.D. 1875.

Every district registrar shall be deemed to be an officer of the Supreme Court, and be subject accordingly to the jurisdiction of such Court, and of the divisions thereof.

14. Whereas under section eighty-seven of the principal Act, solicitors and attorneys will after the commencement of that Act be called solicitors of the Supreme Court: Be it therefore enacted that—

The registrar of attorneys and solicitors in England shall be called the registrar of solicitors, and the Lord Chief Justice of England, the Master of the Rolls, the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and the Lord Chief Baron, or any two of them, may, from time to time, by regulation adapt any enactments relating to attorneys, and any declaration, certificate, or form required under those enactments, to the solicitors of the Supreme Court under section eighty-seven of the principal Act.

Amendment
of 36 & 37
Vict. c. 66.
s. 87, as to
enactments
relating to
attorneys.

15. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty from time to time, by Order in Council, to direct that the enactments relating to appeals from county courts shall apply to any other inferior court of record; and those enactments, subject to any exceptions, conditions, and limitations contained in the Order, shall apply accordingly, as from the date mentioned in the Order.

Appeal from
inferior
court of
record.

16. The Rules of Court in the First Schedule to this Act shall come into operation at the commencement of this Act, and as to all matters to which they extend shall thenceforth regulate the proceedings in the High Court of Justice and Court of Appeal. But such Rules of Court, and also all such other Rules of Court (if any) as may be made after the passing and before the commencement of this Act under the authority of the next section, may be annulled or altered by the authority by which new Rules of Court may be made after the commencement of this Act.

Rules in First
Schedule in
substitution
for 36 & 37
Vict. c. 66.
s. 69. and
Schedule.

17. Her Majesty may at any time after the passing and before the commencement of this Act, by Order in Council, made upon the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Chief Justice of England, the Master of the Rolls, the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and the Lords Justices of Appeal in Chancery, or any five of them, and the other Judges of the several Courts intended to be united and consolidated by the principal Act as amended by this Act, or of a majority of such other Judges, make any further or additional Rules of Court for carrying the principal Act and this Act into

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A.D. 1875. effect, and in particular for all or any of the following matters, so far as they are not provided for by the Rules in the First Schedule to this Act; that is to say,

- (1.) For regulating the sittings of the High Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal, and of any Divisional or other Courts thereof respectively, and of the Judges of the said High Court sitting in Chambers; and,
- (2.) For regulating the pleading, practice, and procedure in the High Court of Justice and Court of Appeal; and,
- (3.) Generally, for regulating any matters relating to the practice and procedure of the said Courts respectively, or to the duties of the officers thereof, or of the Supreme Court, or to the costs of proceedings therein.

In substitution for
36 & 37 Vict.
c. 66. s. 74.

From and after the commencement of this Act, the Supreme Court may at any time, with the concurrence of a majority of the Judges thereof present at any meeting for that purpose held (of which majority the Lord Chancellor shall be one), alter and annul any Rules of Court for the time being in force, and have and exercise the same power of making Rules of Court as is by this section vested in Her Majesty in Council on the recommendation of the said Judges before the commencement of this Act.

All Rules of Court made in pursuance of this section shall be laid before each House of Parliament within such time and shall be subject to be annulled in such manner as is in this Act provided.

All Rules of Court made in pursuance of this section, if made before the commencement of this Act, shall from and after the commencement of this Act, and if made after the commencement of this Act shall from and after they come into operation, regulate all matters to which they extend, until annulled or altered in pursuance of this section.

The reference to certain Judges in section twenty-seven of the principal Act shall be deemed to refer to the Judges mentioned in this section as the Judges on whose recommendation an Order in Council may be made.

Provision as
to Rules of
Probate,
Divorce, and
Admiralty
Courts,
being Rules
of the High
Court,—in
substitution

18. All Rules and Orders of Court in force at the time of the commencement of this Act in the Court of Probate, the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, and the Admiralty Court, or in relation to appeals from the Chief Judge in Bankruptcy, or from the Court of Appeal in Chancery in bankruptcy matters, except so far as they are expressly varied by the First Schedule hereto or by Rules of Court made by Order in Council before the commencement of this

Act, shall remain and be in force in the High Court of Justice and in the Court of Appeal respectively until they shall respectively be altered or annulled by any Rules of Court made after the commencement of this Act.

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s. 70.

The present Judge of the Probate Court and of the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes shall retain, and the president for the time being of the Probate and Divorce Division of the High Court of Justice shall have, with regard to non-contentious or common form business in the Probate Court, the powers now conferred on the Judge of the Probate Court by the thirtieth section of the twentieth and twenty-first years of Victoria, chapter seventy-seven, and the said Judge shall retain, and the said president shall have, the powers as to the making of rules and regulations conferred by the fifty-third section of the twentieth and twenty-first years of Victoria, chapter eighty-five.

19. Subject to the First Schedule hereto and any Rules of Court to be made under this Act, the practice and procedure in all criminal causes and matters whatsoever in the High Court of Justice and in the Court of Appeal respectively, including the practice and procedure with respect to Crown cases reserved, shall be the same as the practice and procedure in similar causes and matters before the commencement of this Act.

Provision as to criminal procedure, subject to future Rules remaining unaltered,—in substitution for 36 & 37 Vict. c. 66. s. 71.

20. Nothing in this Act or in the First Schedule hereto, or in any Rules of Court to be made under this Act, save as far as relates to the power of the Court for special reasons to allow depositions or affidavits to be read, shall affect the mode of giving evidence by the oral examination of witnesses in trials by jury, or the rules of evidence, or the law relating to jurymen or juries.

Provision as to Act not affecting rules of evidence or juries,—in substitution for 36 & 37 Vict. c. 66. s. 72.

21. Save as by the principal Act or this Act, or by any Rules of Court, may be otherwise provided, all forms and methods of procedure which at the commencement of this Act were in force in any of the Courts whose jurisdiction is by the principal Act or this Act transferred to the said High Court and to the said Court of Appeal respectively, under or by virtue of any law, custom, general order, or rules whatsoever, and which are not inconsistent with the principal Act or this Act or with any Rules of Court, may continue to be used and practised, in the said High Court of Justice and the said Court of Appeal respectively, in such and the like cases, and for such and the like purposes, as those to which they would have been applicable in the respective courts of which the

Provision for saving of existing procedure of Courts when not inconsistent with this Act or Rules of Court,—in substitution for 36 & 37 Vict. c. 66. s. 73.

A.D. 1875. jurisdiction is so transferred, if the principal Act and this Act had not passed.

Nothing in principal Act to prejudice right to have issues submitted, &c.

22. Whereas by section forty-six of the principal Act it is enacted that "any Judge of the said High Court sitting in the exercise of its jurisdiction elsewhere than in a Divisional Court may re-serve any case, or any point in a case, for the consideration of a Divisional Court, or may direct any case or point in a case to be argued before a Divisional Court:" Be it hereby enacted, that nothing in the said Act, nor in any rule or order made under the powers thereof or of this Act, shall take away or prejudice the right of any party to any action to have the issues for trial by jury submitted and left by the Judge to the jury before whom the same shall come for trial, with a proper and complete direction to the jury upon the law, and as to the evidence applicable to such issues :

Provided also, that the said right may be enforced either by motion in the High Court of Justice or by motion in the Court of Appeal founded upon an exception entered upon or annexed to the record.

Regulation of circuits.

23. Her Majesty may at any time after the passing of this Act, and from time to time, by Order in Council, provide in such manner and subject to such regulations as to Her Majesty may seem meet, for all or any of the following matters :

1. For the discontinuance, either temporarily or permanently, wholly or partially, of any existing circuit, and the formation of any new circuit by the union of any counties or parts of counties, or partly in one way and partly in the other, or by the constitution of any county or part of a county to be a circuit by itself; and in particular for the issue of commissions for the discharge of civil and criminal business in the county of Surrey to the Judges appointed to sit for the trial by jury of causes and issues in Middlesex or London or any of them; and,
2. For the appointment of the place or places at which assizes are to be holden on any circuit; and,
3. For altering by such authority and in such manner as may be specified in the Order, the day appointed for holding the assizes at any place on any circuit in any case, where, by reason of the pressure of business or other unforeseen cause, it is expedient to alter the same; and,

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4. For the regulation, so far as may be necessary for carrying into effect any Order under this section, of the venue in all cases, civil and criminal, triable on any circuit or elsewhere.

Her Majesty may from time to time, by Order in Council, alter, add to, or amend any Order in Council made in pursuance of this section; and in making any Order under this section may give any directions which it appears to Her Majesty to be desirable to give for the purpose of giving full effect to such Order.

Provided that every Order in Council made under this section shall be laid before each House of Parliament within such time, and shall be subject to be annulled in such manner as is in this Act provided.

Any Order in Council purporting to be made in pursuance of this section shall have the same effect in all respects as if it were enacted in this Act.

The power hereby given to Her Majesty shall be deemed to be in addition to and not in derogation of any power already vested in Her Majesty in respect of the matters aforesaid; and all enactments in relation to circuits, or the places at which assizes are to be holden, or otherwise in relation to the subject-matter of any Order under this section, shall, so far as such enactments are inconsistent with such Order, be repealed thereby, whether such repeal is thereby expressly made or not; but all enactments relating to the power of Her Majesty to alter the circuits of the Judges, or places at which assizes are to be holden, or the distribution of revising barristers among the circuits, or otherwise enabling or facilitating the carrying the objects of this section into effect, and in force at the time of the passing of the principal Act, shall continue in force, and shall, with the necessary variations, if any, apply, so far as they are applicable, to any alterations in or dealings with circuits, or places at which assizes are to be holden, made or to be made after the passing of this Act, or to any other provisions of any Order made under this section; and if any such Order is made for the issue of commissions for the discharge of civil and criminal business in the county of Surrey as before mentioned in this section, that county shall for the purpose of the application of the said enactments be deemed to be a circuit, and the senior Judge for the time being so commissioned, or such other Judge as may be for the time being designated for that purpose by Order in Council, shall, in the month of July or August in every year, appoint the revising barristers for that county and the cities and boroughs therein.

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The expression "assizes" shall in this section be construed to include sessions under any commission of oyer and terminer, or gaol delivery, or any commission in lieu thereof issued under the principal Act.

Additional power as to regulation of practice and procedure by Rules of Court.

24. Where any provisions in respect of the practice or procedure of any Courts the jurisdiction of which is transferred by the principal Act or this Act to the High Court of Justice or the Court of Appeal, are contained in any Act of Parliament, Rules of Court may be made for modifying such provisions to any extent that may be deemed necessary for adapting the same to the High Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal, without prejudice nevertheless to any power of the Lord Chancellor, with the concurrence of the Treasury, to make any Rules with respect to the Paymaster General, or otherwise.

Any provisions relating to the payment, transfer, or deposit into, or in, or out of any Court of any money or property, or to the dealing therewith, shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be provisions relating to practice and procedure.

The Lord Chancellor, with the concurrence of the Treasury, may from time to time, by order, determine to what accounts and how intitled any such money or property as last aforesaid, whether paid, transferred, or deposited before or after the commencement of this Act, is to be carried, and modify all or any forms relating to such accounts; and the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and all other companies, bodies corporate, and persons, shall make such entries and alterations in their books as may be directed by the Lord Chancellor, with the concurrence of the Treasury, for the purpose of carrying into effect any such order.

Orders and Rules to be laid before Parliament, and may be annulled on address from either House.

25. Every Order in Council and Rule of Court required by this Act to be laid before each House of Parliament shall be so laid within forty days next after it is made, if Parliament is then sitting, or if not, within forty days after the commencement of the then next ensuing session; and if an address is presented to Her Majesty by either House of Parliament, within the next subsequent forty days on which the said House shall have sat, praying that any such Rule or Order may be annulled, Her Majesty may thereupon by Order in Council annul the same; and the Rule or Order so annulled shall thenceforth become void and of no effect, but without prejudice to the validity of any proceedings which may in the meantime have been taken under the same.

This section shall come into operation immediately on the passing of this Act.

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Fixing and
collection of
fees in High
Court and
Court of
Appeal.

26. The Lord Chancellor, with the advice and consent of the Judges of the Supreme Court or any three of them, and with the concurrence of the Treasury, may, either before or after the commencement of this Act, by order, fix the fees and per-centages (including the per-centage on estates of lunatics) to be taken in the High Court of Justice or in the Court of Appeal, or in any court created by any commission or in any office which is connected with any of those courts, or in which any business connected with any of those courts is conducted, or by any officer paid wholly or partly out of public moneys who is attached to any of those courts or the Supreme Court, or any Judge of those courts, including the masters and other officers in lunacy, and may from time to time by order increase, reduce, or abolish all or any of such fees and per-centages, and appoint new fees and per-centages to be taken in the said courts or offices or any of them, or by any such officer as aforesaid.

Any order made in pursuance of this section shall be binding on all the courts, offices, and officers to which it refers, in the same manner as if it had been enacted by Parliament.

All such fees and per-centages shall (save as otherwise directed by the order) be paid into the receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer and be carried to the Consolidated Fund, and with respect thereto the following rules shall be observed :

- (1.) The fees and per-centages shall, except so far as the order may otherwise direct, be taken by stamps, and if not taken by stamps shall be taken, applied, accounted for, and paid over in such manner as may be directed by the order.
- (2.) Such stamps shall be impressed or adhesive, as the Treasury from time to time direct.
- (3.) The Treasury, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, may from time to time make such rules as may seem fit for publishing the amount of the fees and regulating the use of such stamps, and particularly for prescribing the application thereof to documents from time to time in use or required to be used for the purposes of such stamps, and for insuring the proper cancellation of stamps and for keeping accounts of such stamps.
- (4.) Any document which ought to bear a stamp in pursuance of this Act, or any rule or order made thereunder, shall not be received, filed, used, or admitted in evidence unless and until it is properly stamped, within the time prescribed by the rules under this section regulating the use of stamps, but

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if any such document is through mistake or inadvertence received, filed, or used without being properly stamped, the Lord Chancellor or the Court may, if he or it shall think fit, order that the same be stamped as in such order may be directed.

(5.) The Commissioners of Inland Revenue shall keep such separate accounts of all money received in respect of stamps under this Act as the Treasury may from time to time direct, and, subject to the deduction of any expenses incurred by those Commissioners in the execution of this section, the money so received shall, under the direction of the Treasury, be carried to and form part of the Consolidated Fund.

(6.) Any person who forges or counterfeits any such stamp, or uses any such stamp, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeit, or to have been previously cancelled or used, shall be guilty of forgery, and be liable on conviction to penal servitude for a term not exceeding seven years, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding two years.

An order under this section may abolish any existing fees and per-centages which may be taken in the said courts or offices, or any of them, or by the said officers or any of them, but, subject to the provisions of any order made in pursuance of this section, the existing fees and per-centages shall continue to be taken, applied, and accounted for in the existing manner.

Provisions
as to Lan-
caster Fee
Fund, and
salaries, &c.
of officers of
courts at
Lancaster
and Durham.
32 & 33 Vict.
c. 37.

27. Whereas by the Common Pleas at Lancaster Amendment Act, 1869, the fees taken by the prothonotaries and district prothonotaries in pursuance of that Act, are directed to be carried to the credit of "the prothonotaries fee fund account of the county palatine of Lancaster," and certain salaries and expenses connected with the offices of the said prothonotaries and district prothonotaries are directed to be paid out of that account:

And whereas, on the twenty-fourth day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, there was standing to the credit of that account a sum of ten thousand seven hundred and fifty-five pounds consolidated three pounds per centum Bank annuities and one thousand eight hundred and ten pounds cash, or thereabouts:

And whereas the fees received in the Court of Pleas of Durham are applied in payment of disbursements connected with the office of the prothonotary of that court, and any surplus of such fees is

paid into the receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and any deficiency of the amount of the said fees to pay such disbursements is charged on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom : A.D. 1875.

And whereas after the commencement of the principal Act, the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster and the Court of Pleas at Durham is by that Act transferred to and vested in the High Court of Justice, and it is expedient to make further provision respecting the expenses of those courts and the said stock and cash standing to the credit of the prothonotaries fee fund account of the county palatine of Lancaster :

Be it therefore enacted that,—

After the commencement of the principal Act there shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament such sums by way of salary or remuneration to the prothonotaries and district prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster and the Court of Common Pleas at Durham and their clerks, and such sums for rent, taxes, and other outgoings at their offices, as the Lord Chancellor, with the concurrence of the Treasury, may from time to time direct.

As soon as each prothonotary and district prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster has accounted for and paid all fees and moneys which he shall have received by virtue of his said office, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster shall cause any security given by such officer in pursuance of section seventeen of the Common Pleas at Lancaster Amendment Act, 1869, to be cancelled, and delivered up, or otherwise discharged.

32 & 33 Vict.
c. 37.

As soon as may be after the commencement of the principal Act the Treasury and the Chancellor of the duchy and county palatine of Lancaster shall ascertain the amount of stock and cash standing to the credit of the prothonotaries fee fund account of the county palatine of Lancaster, after paying thereout to the receiver general of the revenues of the Duchy of Lancaster the amount of the fees remaining in the prothonotary's hands on the twenty-fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and paid to that account in pursuance of section seventeen of the last-mentioned Act, and all other sums justly due to Her Majesty in right of Her said duchy and county palatine; and the Treasury shall by warrant direct the Governor and Company of the Bank of England to transfer to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt the amount of stock and cash so ascertained and either to cancel the stock in their books or otherwise dispose of the same as may be directed by the warrant; and the Governor and Company of the Bank of England shall transfer

A.D. 1875. the stock and cash, and cancel or otherwise dispose of the stock according to the warrant, without any order from the Lord Chancellor or the Chancellor of the said duchy and county palatine or any other person.

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt shall apply all cash transferred to them in pursuance of this section in the purchase of Bank Annuities which shall be cancelled or otherwise disposed of in like manner as the said stock.

Annual
account of
fees and
expenditure.

28. The Treasury shall cause to be prepared annually an account for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, showing the receipts and expenditure during the preceding year in respect of the High Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal, and of any court, office, or officer, the fees taken in which or by whom can be fixed in pursuance of this Act.

Such account shall be made out in such form and contain such particulars as the Treasury, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, may from time to time direct.

Every officer by whom or in whose office fees are taken which can be fixed in pursuance of this Act, shall make such returns and give such information as the Treasury may from time to time require for the purpose of enabling them to make out the said account.

The said account shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within one month after the thirty-first day of March in each year, if Parliament is then sitting, or if not, then within one month after the next meeting of Parliament.

Amendment
of law as to
payments to
senior puisne
Judge of
Queen's
Bench and
Queen's
coroner.

29. Whereas fines and other moneys paid into the Court of Queen's Bench for Her Majesty's use are received by the Queen's coroner and attorney, and out of such moneys there is paid in pursuance of a writ of privy seal an annual sum of forty pounds, at the rate of ten pounds for every term, to the second judge of the Court of Queen's Bench, and by section seven of the Act of the sixth year of King George the Fourth, chapter eighty-four, it is enacted that the said termly allowance of ten pounds shall continue to be paid to the said second judge in addition to his salary :

And whereas out of the said moneys there is also payable in pursuance of the said writ of privy seal an annual sum of ten pounds to the Queen's coroner and attorney :

And whereas it is expedient to determine such payments :

Be it therefore enacted as follows :

After the passing of this Act the said sums of forty pounds and ten pounds a year shall cease to be payable by the Queen's coroner and attorney out of the above-mentioned moneys.

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So long as the person who on the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five was the second judge of the Court of Queen's Bench continues to be such second judge, there shall be payable to him out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom the annual sum of forty pounds in addition to his salary, and that annual sum shall be payable to him by instalments of ten pounds at the like times at which the said termly allowance of ten pounds has heretofore been payable to him, or at such other times as the Treasury, with the consent of the Judge, may direct.

So long as the person who on the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five was the Queen's coroner and attorney continues to hold that office, there shall be payable to him out of moneys provided by Parliament the annual sum of ten pounds, and such sum shall be payable to him at the like time at which the said annual sum of ten pounds has heretofore been payable to him, or at such other time as the Treasury, with the consent of such Queen's coroner or attorney, may direct.

30. Whereas by section sixteen of "The Court of Chancery Funds Act, 1872," it is enacted that an order of the Court of Chancery may direct securities standing to the account of the Paymaster General on behalf of the Court of Chancery to be converted into cash, and that where such order refers to Government securities such securities shall be transferred to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in manner therein mentioned :

Amend-
ment of
35 & 36 Vict.
c. 44. as to the
transfer of
Government
securities to
and from the
Paymaster
General on
behalf of the
Court of
Chancery
and the
National
Debt Com-
missioners.

And whereas the said section contains no provision for the converse cases of the conversion of cash into securities and the transfer of securities from the said Commissioners to the account of the Paymaster General on behalf of the Court of Chancery :

And whereas such conversion and transfer, and the other matters provided by the said section, can be more conveniently provided for by rules made in pursuance of section eighteen of the said Act; and it is expedient to remove doubts with respect to the power to provide by such rules for the investment in securities of money in court, and the conversion into money of securities in court :

Be it therefore enacted as follows :

Section sixteen of "The Court of Chancery Funds Act, 1872," is hereby repealed.

Rules may from time to time be made in pursuance of section eighteen of "The Court of Chancery Funds Act, 1872," with respect to the investment in securities of money in court, and the

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This section shall come into operation on the passing of this Act, and shall be construed together with "The Court of Chancery Funds Act, 1872," and shall be subject to any alteration in that Act made by or in pursuance of the principal Act or this Act.

Abolition of
secretary to
the visitors
of lunatics.
16 & 17 Vict.
c. 70.

31. Whereas under the Lunacy Regulation Act, 1853, it is provided that there shall be a secretary to the visitors of lunatics therein mentioned, and it is expedient to abolish that office: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

After the passing of this Act there shall cease to be a secretary to the visitors of lunatics.

The Treasury shall award, out of moneys provided by Parliament, to the person who holds at the passing of this Act the office of secretary to the visitors of lunatics such compensation, by way of annuity or otherwise, as, having regard to the conditions on which he was appointed to his office, the nature, salary, and emoluments of his office, and the duration of his services, they may think just and reasonable, so that the same be granted in accordance with the provisions and subject to the conditions contained in the Superannuation Act, 1859.

22 Vict. c. 26.

Amend-
ment of
32 & 33 Vict.
c. 83. s. 19.
and
32 & 33 Vict.
c. 71. s. 116.
as to pay-
ment of un-
claimed divi-
dends to
persons
entitled.

32. Whereas by section nineteen of "The Bankruptcy Repeal and Insolvent Court Act, 1869," it is enacted as follows: "All dividends declared in any court acting under the Acts relating to bankruptcy or the relief of insolvent debtors which remain unclaimed for five years after the commencement of this Act, if declared before that commencement, and for five years after the declaration of the dividends if declared after the commencement of this Act, and all undivided surpluses of estates administered under the jurisdiction of such Court which remain undivided for five years after the declaration of a final dividend in the case of bankruptcy, or for five years after the close of an insolvency under this Act, shall be deemed vested in the Crown, and shall be disposed of as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury direct; provided that at any time after such vesting the Lord Chancellor may, if he thinks fit, by reason of the disability or absence beyond

“seas of the person entitled to the sum so vested, or for any other
“reason appearing to him sufficient, direct that the sum so vested
“shall be repaid out of moneys provided by Parliament, and shall
“be distributed as it would have been if there had been no such
“vesting :”

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And whereas a similar enactment with respect to unclaimed dividends in bankruptcy was made by section one hundred and sixteen of “The Bankruptcy Act, 1869 :”

32 & 33 Vict.
c. 71.

And whereas it is expedient to give to persons entitled to any such unclaimed dividends or other sums greater facilities for obtaining the same : Be it therefore enacted as follows :

Any Court having jurisdiction in the matter of any bankruptcy or insolvency, upon being satisfied that any person claiming is entitled to any dividend or other payment out of the moneys vested in the Crown in pursuance of section nineteen of “The Bankruptcy Repeal
“and Insolvent Court Act, 1869,” or of section one hundred and sixteen of “The Bankruptcy Act, 1869,” may order payment of the same in like manner as it might have done if the same had not by reason of the expiration of five years become vested in the Crown in pursuance of the said sections.

32 & 33 Vict.
cc. 83, 71.

This section shall take effect as from the passing of this Act.

33. From and after the commencement of this Act there shall be repealed—

Repeal.

(1.) The Acts specified in the Second Schedule to this Act, to the extent in the third column of that schedule mentioned, without prejudice to anything done or suffered before the said commencement under the enactments hereby repealed; also,

(2.) Any other enactment inconsistent with this Act or the principal Act.

34. Whereas, by the seventy-seventh section of the principal Act, it is provided that, upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of any officer coming within the provisions of the said section, the Lord Chancellor, with the concurrence of the Treasury, may, in the event of such office being considered unnecessary, abolish the same, or may reduce the salary, or alter the designation or duties thereof, notwithstanding that the patronage thereof may be vested in an existing Judge; but that nothing in the said Act contained shall interfere with the office of marshal attending any commissioner of assize : And whereas it is expedient to add to the said section : Be it enacted, that, upon the occurrence of any vacancy

As to vacancies in any office within s. 77 of principal Act.

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Amendment
of principal
Act, s. 79, as
to chamber
clerks.

35. Be it enacted, that any person who, at the time of the commencement of this Act, shall hold the office of chamber clerk shall be eligible at any time thereafter for appointment to the like office, anything in the principal Act to the contrary notwithstanding; and that, if any such person shall be so appointed after the commencement of this Act, he shall, if the salary assigned to such office by or under the principal Act be less than the salary received by him at the time of the commencement of this Act, be entitled to receive a salary not less than that so formerly received by him, so long as he shall retain such office, but shall not be entitled to receive or claim any pension in respect of his service, unless the Treasury, in its absolute discretion, shall think fit to sanction the same.

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RULES OF COURT.

[Note.—Where no other provision is made by the Act or these Rules the present procedure and practice remain in force.]

ORDER I.

FORM AND COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION.

1. All actions which have hitherto been commenced by writ in the Superior Courts of Common Law at Westminster, or in the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster, or in the Court of Pleas at Durham, and all suits which have hitherto been commenced by bill or information in the High Court of Chancery, or by a cause in rem or in personam in the High Court of Admiralty, or by citation or otherwise in the Court of Probate, shall be instituted in the High Court of Justice by a proceeding to be called an action.

2. With respect to interpleader, the procedure and practice now used by Courts of Common Law under the Interpleader Acts 1 & 2 Wm. 4. c. 58. and 23 & 24 Vict. c. 126. shall apply to all actions and all the divisions of the High Court of Justice, and the application by a defendant shall be made at any time after being served with a writ of summons and before delivering a defence.

3. All other proceedings in and applications to the High Court may, subject to these Rules, be taken and made in the same manner as they would have been taken and made in any Court in which any proceeding or application of the like kind could have been taken or made if the Act had not been passed.

ORDER II.

WRIT OF SUMMONS AND PROCEDURE, &c.

1. Every action in the High Court shall be commenced by a writ of summons, which shall be indorsed with a statement of the nature of the claim made, or of the relief or remedy required in the action, and which shall specify the Division of the

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2. Any costs occasioned by the use of any more prolix or other forms of writs, and of indorsements thereon, than the forms herein-after prescribed, shall be borne by the party using the same, unless the Court shall otherwise direct.

3. The writ of summons for the commencement of an action shall, except in the cases in which any different form is herein-after provided, be in Form No. 1 in Part I of Appendix (A) hereto, with such variations as circumstances may require.

4. No writ of summons for service out of the jurisdiction, or of which notice is to be given out of the jurisdiction, shall be issued without the leave of a Court or Judge.

5. A writ of summons to be served out of the jurisdiction, or of which notice is to be given out of the jurisdiction, shall be in Form No. 2 in Part I of Appendix (A) hereto, with such variations as circumstances may require. Such notice shall be in Form No. 3 in the same part, with such variations as circumstances may require.

6. With respect to actions upon a bill of exchange or promissory note, commenced within six months after the same shall have become due and payable, the procedure under the Bills of Exchange Act, 18 & 19 Vict. c. 67., shall continue to be used.

7. The writ of summons in every Admiralty action in rem shall be in Form No. 4 of Part I of Appendix (A) hereto, with such variations as circumstances may require.

8. Every writ of summons and also every other writ shall bear date on the day on which the same shall be issued, and shall be tested in the name of the Lord Chancellor, or if the office of Lord Chancellor shall be vacant, in the name of the Lord Chief Justice of England.

ORDER III.

INDORSEMENTS OF CLAIM.

1. The indorsement of claim shall be made on every writ of summons before it is issued.

2. In the indorsement required by Order II., Rule 1, it shall not be essential to set forth the precise ground of complaint, or the precise remedy or relief to which the plaintiff considers himself entitled. The plaintiff may by leave of the Court or Judge amend such indorsement so as to extend it to any other cause of action or any additional remedy or relief.

3. The indorsement of claim may be to the effect of such of the Forms in Part II of Appendix (A) hereto as shall be applicable to the case, or if none be found applicable then such other similarly concise form as the nature of the case may require.

4. If the plaintiff sues or the defendant or any of the defendants is sued in a representative capacity, the indorsement shall show, in manner appearing by the statement in Appendix (A) hereto, Part II, sec. VIII, or by any other statement to the like effect, in what capacity the plaintiff or defendant sues or is sued.

5. In Probate actions the indorsement shall show whether the plaintiff claims as creditor, executor, administrator, residuary legatee, legatee, next of kin, heir-at-law, devisee, or in any and what other character.

6. In all actions where the plaintiff seeks merely to recover a debt or liquidated demand in money payable by the defendant, with or without interest, arising upon a contract, express or implied, as, for instance, on a bill of exchange, promissory note, cheque, or other simple contract debt, or on a bond or contract under seal for payment of a liquidated amount of money, or on a statute where the sum sought to be recovered is a fixed sum of money or in the nature of a debt, or on a guaranty, whether under seal or not, where the claim against the principal is in respect of such debt or liquidated demand, bill, cheque, or note, or on a trust, the writ of summons may be specially indorsed with the particulars of the amount sought to be recovered, after giving credit for any payment or set-off.

7. Wherever the plaintiff's claim is for a debt or liquidated demand only, the indorsement, beside stating the nature of the claim, shall state the amount claimed for debt, or in respect of such demand, and for costs respectively, and shall further state, that upon payment thereof within four days after service, or in case of a writ not for service within the jurisdiction within the time allowed for appearance, further proceedings will be stayed. Such statement may be in the form in Appendix (A) hereto, Part II, sec. III. The defendant may, notwithstanding such payment, have the costs taxed, and if more than one-sixth shall be disallowed, the plaintiff's solicitor shall pay the costs of taxation.

8. In all cases of ordinary account, as, for instance, in the case of a partnership or executorship or ordinary trust account, where the plaintiff, in the first instance, desires to have an account taken, the writ of summons shall be indorsed with a claim that such account be taken.

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ORDER IV.

INDORSEMENT OF ADDRESS.

1. The solicitor of a plaintiff suing by a solicitor shall indorse upon every writ of summons and notice in lieu of service of a writ of summons the address of the plaintiff, and also his own name or firm and place of business, and also, if his place of business shall be more than three miles from Temple Bar, another proper place, to be called his address for service, which shall not be more than three miles from Temple Bar, where writs, notices, petitions, orders, summonses, warrants, and other documents, proceedings, and written communications may be left for him. And where any such solicitor is only agent of another solicitor, he shall add to his own name or firm and place of business the name or firm and place of business of the principal solicitor.

2. A plaintiff suing in person shall indorse upon every writ of summons and notice in lieu of service of a writ of summons his place of residence and occupation, and also, if his place of residence shall be more than three miles from Temple Bar, another proper place, to be called his address for service, which shall not be more than three miles from Temple Bar, where writs, notices, petitions, orders, summonses, warrants, and other documents, proceedings, and written communications may be left for him.

[The above two Rules are to apply to all cases in which the writ of summons is issued out of the London office, or out of a district registry where the defendant has the option of entering an appearance either in the district registry or the London office.]

3. In all other cases where a writ of summons is issued out of a district registry it shall be sufficient for the solicitor to give on the writ the address of the plaintiff and his own name or firm and his place of business within the district, or for the plaintiff if he sues in person to give on the writ his place of residence and occupation, and if his place of residence be not within the district, an address for service within the district.

ORDER V.

ISSUE OF WRITS OF SUMMONS.

1. *Place of issue.*

1. In any action other than a Probate action, the plaintiff wherever resident may issue a writ of summons out of the registry of any district.

2. In all cases where a defendant neither resides nor carries on business within the district out of the registry whereof a writ of summons is issued, there shall be a statement on the face of the writ of summons that such defendant may cause an appearance to be entered at his option either at the district registry or the London office, or a statement to the like effect.

3. In all cases where a defendant resides or carries on business within the district, and a writ of summons is issued out of the district registry, there shall be a statement on the face of the writ of summons that the defendant do cause an appearance to be entered at the district registry, or to the like effect.

2. Option to choose division in certain cases.

4. Subject to the power of transfer, every person by whom any cause or matter may be commenced in the High Court of Justice which would have been within the non-exclusive cognizance of the High Court of Admiralty if the said Act had not passed shall assign such cause or matter to any one of the divisions of the said High Court, including the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division, as he may think fit, by marking the document by which the same is commenced with the name of the division, and giving notice thereof to the proper officer of the Court. If so marked for the Chancery Division the same shall be assigned to one of the Judges of such division by marking the same with the name of such of the said Judges as the plaintiff or petitioner (subject to such power of transfer) may think fit.

3. Generally.

5. Writs of summons shall be prepared by the plaintiff or his solicitor, and shall be written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, on paper of the same description as hereby directed in the case of proceedings directed to be printed.

6. Every writ of summons shall be sealed by the proper officer, and shall thereupon be deemed to be issued.

7. The plaintiff or his solicitor shall, on presenting any writ of summons for sealing, leave with the officer a copy, written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, on paper of the description aforesaid, of such writ, and all the indorsements thereon, and such copy shall be signed by or for the solicitor leaving the same, or by the plaintiff himself if he sues in person.

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8. The officer receiving such copy shall file the same, and an entry of the filing thereof shall be made in a book to be called the Cause Book, which is to be kept in the manner in which Cause Books have heretofore been kept by the Clerks of Records and Writs in the Court of Chancery, and the action shall be distinguished by the date of the year, a letter, and a number, in the manner in which causes are now distinguished in such last-mentioned Cause Books.

9. Notice to the proper officer of the assignment of an action to any division of the Court under section 11 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875, or under Rule 4 of this Order, shall be sufficiently given by leaving with him the copy of the writ of summons.

4. *In particular Actions.*

10. The issue of a writ of summons in Probate actions shall be preceded by the filing of an affidavit made by the plaintiff or one of the plaintiffs in verification of the indorsement on the writ.

11. In Admiralty actions in rem no writ of summons shall issue until an affidavit by the plaintiff or his agent has been filed, and the following provisions complied with :

(a.) The affidavit shall state the name and description of the party on whose behalf the action is instituted, the nature of the claim, the name and nature of the property to be arrested, and that the claim has not been satisfied.

(b.) In an action of wages the affidavit shall state the national character of the vessel proceeded against ; and if against a foreign vessel, that notice of the institution of the action has been given to the Consul of the State to which the vessel belongs, if there be one resident in London [*a copy of the notice shall be annexed to the affidavit*].

(c.) In an action of bottomry, the bottomry bond, and if in a foreign language also a notarial translation thereof, shall be produced for the inspection and perusal of the Registrar, and a copy of the bond, or of the translation thereof, certified to be correct, shall be annexed to the affidavit.

(d.) In an action of distribution of salvage the affidavit shall state the amount of salvage money awarded or agreed to be accepted, and the name, address, and description of the party holding the same.

(e.) The Court or Judge may in any case, if he think fit, allow the writ of summons to issue although the affidavit may not contain all the required particulars. In a wages cause he may also waive the service of the notice, and in a cause of bottomry the production of the bond.

12. If, when any property is under arrest in Admiralty, a second or subsequent action is instituted against the same property, the solicitor in such second action may, subject to the preceding Rules, take out a writ of summons in rem and cause a caveat against the release of the property to be entered in the Caveat Release Book herein-after mentioned.

ORDER VI.

CONCURRENT WRITS.

1. The plaintiff in any action may, at the time of or at any time during twelve months after the issuing of the original writ of summons, issue one or more concurrent writ or writs, each concurrent writ to bear teste of the same day as the original writ, and to be marked with a seal bearing the word "concurrent," and the date of issuing the concurrent writ; and such seal shall be impressed upon the writ by the proper officer: Provided always, that such concurrent writ or writs shall only be in force for the period during which the original writ in such action shall be in force.

2. A writ for service within the jurisdiction may be issued and marked as a concurrent writ with one for service, or whereof notice in lieu of service is to be given, out of the jurisdiction; and a writ for service, or whereof notice in lieu of service is to be given, out of the jurisdiction may be issued and marked as a concurrent writ with one for service within the jurisdiction.

ORDER VII.

DISCLOSURE BY SOLICITORS AND PLAINTIFFS.

1. Every solicitor whose name shall be indorsed on any writ of summons shall, on demand in writing made by or on behalf of any defendant who has been served therewith or has appeared thereto, declare forthwith whether such writ has been issued by him or with his authority or privity; and if such solicitor shall declare that the writ was not issued by him or with his authority or privity, all proceedings upon the same shall be stayed, and no

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2. When a writ is sued out by partners in the name of their firm, the plaintiffs or their solicitors shall, on demand in writing by or on behalf of any defendant, declare forthwith the names and places of residence of all the persons constituting the firm. And if the plaintiffs or their solicitor shall fail to comply with such demand, all proceedings in the action may, upon an application for that purpose, be stayed upon such terms as the Court or a Judge may direct. And when the names of the partners are so declared, the action shall proceed in the same manner and the same consequences in all respects shall follow as if they had been named as the plaintiffs in the writ. But all proceedings shall, nevertheless, continue in the name of the firm.

ORDER VIII.

RENEWAL OF WRIT.

1. No original writ of summons shall be in force for more than twelve months from the day of the date thereof, including the day of such date; but if any defendant therein named shall not have been served therewith, the plaintiff may, before the expiration of the twelve months, apply to a Judge, or the District Registrar, for leave to renew the writ; and the Judge or Registrar, if satisfied that reasonable efforts have been made to serve such defendant, or for other good reason, may order that the original or concurrent writ of summons be renewed for six months from the date of such renewal, and so from time to time during the currency of the renewed writ. And the writ shall in such case be renewed by being marked with a seal bearing the date of the day, month, and year of such renewal; such seal to be provided and kept for that purpose at the proper office, and to be impressed upon the writ by the proper officer, upon delivery to him by the plaintiff or his solicitor of a memorandum in Form No. 5 in Appendix (A), Part I; and a writ of summons so renewed shall remain in force and be available to prevent the operation of any statute whereby the time for the commencement of the action may be limited, and for all other purposes, from the date of the issuing of the original writ of summons.

2. The production of a writ of summons purporting to be marked with the seal of the Court, showing the same to have been renewed in manner aforesaid, shall be sufficient evidence of its

having been so renewed, and of the commencement of the action as A.D. 1875.
of the first date of such renewed writ for all purposes.

ORDER IX.

SERVICE OF WRIT OF SUMMONS.

1. *Mode of Service.*

1. No service of writ shall be required when the defendant, by his solicitor, agrees to accept service, and enters an appearance.

2. When service is required the writ shall, wherever it is practicable, be served in the manner in which personal service is now made, but if it be made to appear to the Court or to a Judge that the plaintiff is from any cause unable to effect prompt personal service, the Court or Judge may make such order for substituted or other service, or for the substitution of notice for service, as may seem just.

2. *On particular Defendants.*

3. When husband and wife are both defendants to the action, service on the husband shall be deemed good service on the wife, but the Court or a Judge may order that the wife shall be served with or without service on the husband.

4. When an infant is a defendant to the action, service on his or her father or guardian, or if none, then upon the person with whom the infant resides or under whose care he or she is, shall, unless the Court or Judge otherwise orders, be deemed good service on the infant; provided that the Court or Judge may order that service made or to be made on the infant shall be deemed good service.

5. When a lunatic or person of unsound mind not so found by inquisition is a defendant to the action, service on the committee of the lunatic, or on the person with whom the person of unsound mind resides or under whose care he or she is, shall, unless the Court or Judge otherwise orders, be deemed good service on such defendant.

3. *On Partners and other Bodies.*

6. Where partners are sued in the name of their firm, the writ shall be served either upon any one or more of the partners or at the principal place within the jurisdiction of the business of the partner-

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7. Whenever, by any statute, provision is made for service of any writ of summons, bill, petition, or other process upon any Corporation, or upon any hundred, or the inhabitants of any place, or any society or fellowship, or any body or number of persons, whether corporate or otherwise, every writ of summons may be served in the manner so provided.

4. *In particular Actions.*

8. Service of a writ of summons in an action to recover land may, in case of vacant possession, when it cannot otherwise be effected, be made by posting a copy of the writ upon the door of the dwelling-house or other conspicuous part of the property.

9. In Admiralty actions in rem, the writ shall be served by the Marshal or his substitutes, whether the property to be arrested be situate within the Port of London or elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the Court, and the solicitor issuing the writ shall, within six days from the service thereof, file the same in the registry from which the writ issued.

10. In Admiralty actions in rem, service of a writ of summons against ship, freight, or cargo on board is to be effected by the Marshal or his officer nailing or affixing the original writ for a short time on the main mast or on the single mast of the vessel, and, on taking off the process, leaving a true copy of it nailed or fixed in its place.

11. If the cargo has been landed or transhipped, service of the writ of summons to arrest the cargo and freight shall be effected by placing the writ for a short time on the cargo, and on taking off the process by leaving a true copy upon it.

12. If the cargo be in the custody of a person who will not permit access to it, service of the writ may be made upon the custodian.

Generally.

13. The person serving a writ of summons shall, within three days at most after such service, indorse on the writ the day of the month and week of the service thereof, otherwise the plaintiff shall not be at liberty, in case of non-appearance, to proceed by default;

and every affidavit of service of such writ shall mention the day on which such indorsement was made. A.D. 1875.

ORDER X.

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE.

Every application to the Court or a Judge, under Order IX., Rule 2, for an order for substituted or other service, or for the substitution of notice for service, shall be supported by an affidavit setting forth the grounds upon which the application is made.

ORDER XI.

SERVICE OUT OF THE JURISDICTION.

1. Service out of the jurisdiction of a writ of summons or notice of a writ of summons may be allowed by the Court or a Judge whenever the whole or any part of the subject-matter of the action is land or stock, or other property situate within the jurisdiction, or any act, deed, will, or thing affecting such land, stock, or property, and whenever the contract which is sought to be enforced or rescinded, dissolved, annulled, or otherwise affected in any such action, or for the breach whereof damages or other relief are or is demanded in such action, was made or entered into within the jurisdiction, and whenever there has been a breach within the jurisdiction of any contract wherever made, and whenever any act or thing sought to be restrained or removed, or for which damages are sought to be recovered, was or is to be done or is situate within the jurisdiction.

2. In Probate actions service of a writ of summons or notice of a writ of summons may by leave of the Court or Judge be allowed out of the jurisdiction.

3. Every application for an order for leave to serve such writ or notice on a defendant out of the jurisdiction shall be supported by evidence, by affidavit, or otherwise, showing in what place or country such defendant is or probably may be found, and whether such defendant is a British subject or not, and the grounds upon which the application is made.

4. Any order giving leave to effect such service or give such notice shall limit a time after such service or notice within which such defendant is to enter an appearance, such time to depend on the place or country where or within which the writ is to be served or the notice given.

5. Notice in lieu of service shall be given in the manner in which writs of summons are served.

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ORDER XII.

APPEARANCE.

1. Except in the cases otherwise provided for by these Rules a defendant shall enter his appearance in London.

2. If any defendant to a writ issued in a district registry resides or carries on business within the district, he shall appear in the district registry.

3. If any defendant neither resides nor carries on business in the district, he may appear either in the district registry or in London.

4. If a sole defendant appears, or all the defendants appear in the district registry, or if all the defendants who appear appear in the district registry and the others make default in appearance, then, subject to the power of removal herein-after provided, the action shall proceed in the district registry.

5. If the defendant appears, or any of the defendants appear, in London the action shall proceed in London; provided that if the Court or a Judge shall be satisfied that the defendant appearing in London is a merely formal defendant, or has no substantial cause to interfere in the conduct of the action, such Court or Judge may order that the action may proceed in the district registry, notwithstanding such appearance in London.

6. A defendant shall enter his appearance to a writ of summons by delivering to the proper officer a memorandum in writing, dated on the day of the delivering the same, and containing the name of the defendant's solicitor, or stating that the defendant defends in person. A defendant who appears elsewhere than where the writ is issued shall on the same day give notice to the plaintiff of his appearance either by notice in writing served in the ordinary way or by prepaid letter posted on that day in due course of post.

7. The solicitor of a defendant appearing by a solicitor shall state in such memorandum his place of business, and, if the appearance is entered in the London office, a place, to be called his address for service, which shall not be more than three miles from Temple Bar, and if the appearance is entered in a district registry, a place, to be called his address for service, which shall be within the district.

8. A defendant appearing in person shall state in such memorandum his address, and, if the appearance is entered in the London office, a place, to be called his address for service, which shall not be more than three miles from Temple Bar, and if

the appearance is entered in a district registry, a place, to be called his address for service, which shall be within the district. A.D. 1875.

9. If the memorandum does not contain such address it shall not be received ; and if any such address shall be illusory or fictitious, the appearance may be set aside by the Court or a Judge, on the application of the plaintiff.

10. The Memorandum of Appearance shall be in the Form No. 6, Appendix (A), Part I, with such variations as the circumstances of the case may require.

11. Upon receipt of a Memorandum of Appearance, the officer shall forthwith enter the appearance in the cause book.

12. Where partners are sued in the name of their firm, they shall appear individually in their own names. But all subsequent proceedings shall, nevertheless, continue in the name of the firm.

13. If two or more defendants in the same action shall appear by the same solicitor and at the same time, the names of all the defendants so appearing shall be inserted in one memorandum.

14. A solicitor not entering an appearance in pursuance of his written undertaking so to do on behalf of any defendant shall be liable to an attachment.

15. A defendant may appear at any time before judgment. If he appear at any time after the time limited for appearance he shall, on the same day, give notice thereof to the plaintiff's solicitor, or to the plaintiff himself if he sues in person, and he shall not, unless the Court or a Judge otherwise orders, be entitled to any further time for delivering his defence, or for any other purpose, than if he had appeared according to the writ.

16. In Probate actions any person not named in the writ may intervene and appear in the action as heretofore, on filing an affidavit showing how he is interested in the estate of the deceased.

17. In an Admiralty action in rem any person not named in the writ may intervene and appear as heretofore, on filing an affidavit showing that he is interested in the res under arrest, or in the fund in the Registry.

18. Any person not named as a defendant in a writ of summons for the recovery of land may by leave of the Court or Judge appear and defend, on filing an affidavit showing that he is in possession of the land either by himself or his tenant.

19. Any person appearing to defend an action for the recovery of land as landlord in respect of property whereof he is in possession only by his tenant, shall state in his appearance that he appears as landlord.

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20. Where a person not named as defendant in any writ of summons for the recovery of land has obtained leave of the Court or Judge to appear and defend, he shall enter an appearance according to the foregoing rules, intituled in the action against the party or parties named in the writ as defendant or defendants, and shall forthwith give notice of such appearance to the plaintiff's solicitor, or to the plaintiff if he sues in person, and shall in all subsequent proceedings be named as a party defendant to the action.

21. Any person appearing to a writ of summons for the recovery of land shall be at liberty to limit his defence to a part only of the property mentioned in the writ, describing that part with reasonable certainty in his memorandum of appearance or in a notice intituled in the cause, and signed by him or his solicitor; such notice to be served within four days after appearance; and an appearance where the defence is not so limited shall be deemed an appearance to defend for the whole.

22. The notice mentioned in the last preceding Rule may be in the Form No. 7 in Part I of Appendix (A) hereto, with such variations as circumstances may require.

ORDER XIII.

DEFAULT OF APPEARANCE.

1. Where no appearance has been entered to a writ of summons for a defendant who is an infant or a person of unsound mind not so found by inquisition, the plaintiff may apply to the Court or a Judge for an order that some proper person be assigned guardian of such defendant, by whom he may appear and defend the action. But no such order shall be made unless it appears on the hearing of such application that the writ of summons was duly served, and that notice of such application was after the expiration of the time allowed for appearance, and at least six clear days before the day in such notice named for hearing the application, served upon or left at the dwelling-house of the person with whom or under whose care such defendant was at the time of serving such writ of summons, and also (in the case of such defendant being an infant not residing with or under the care of his father or guardian) served upon or left at the dwelling-house of the father or guardian, if any, of such infant, unless the Court or Judge at the time of hearing such application shall dispense with such last-mentioned service.

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2. Where any defendant fails to appear to a writ of summons, and the plaintiff is desirous of proceeding upon default of appearance under any of the following Rules of this Order, or under Order XV., Rule 1, he shall, before taking such proceeding upon default, file an affidavit of service, or of notice in lieu of service, as the case may be.

3. In case of non-appearance by the defendant where the writ of summons is specially indorsed, under Order III., Rule 6, the plaintiff may sign final judgment for any sum not exceeding the sum indorsed on the writ, together with interest at the rate specified, if any, to the date of the judgment, and a sum for costs, but it shall be lawful for the Court or a Judge to set aside or vary such judgment upon such terms as may seem just.

4. Where there are several defendants to a writ specially indorsed for a debt or liquidated demand in money, under Order III., Rule 6, and one or more of them appear to the writ, and another or others of them do not appear, the plaintiff may enter final judgment against such as have not appeared, and may issue execution upon such judgment without prejudice to his right to proceed with his action against such as have appeared.

5. Where the defendant fails to appear to the writ of summons and the writ is not specially indorsed, but the plaintiff's claim is for a debt or liquidated demand only, no statement of claim need be delivered, but the plaintiff may file an affidavit of service or notice in lieu of service, as the case may be, and a statement of the particulars of his claim in respect of the causes of action stated in the indorsement upon the writ, and may, after the expiration of eight days, enter final judgment for the amount shown thereby and costs to be taxed, provided that the amount shall not be more than the sum indorsed upon the writ besides costs.

6. Where the defendant fails to appear to the writ of summons and the plaintiff's claim is not for a debt or liquidated demand only, but for detention of goods and pecuniary damages, or either of them, no statement of claim need be delivered, but interlocutory judgment may be entered and a writ of inquiry shall issue to assess the value of the goods and the damages, or the damages only, as the case may be, in respect of the causes of action disclosed by the indorsement on the writ of summons. But the Court or a Judge may order that, instead of a writ of inquiry, the value and amount of damages, or either of them, shall be ascertained in any way in which any question arising in an action may be tried.

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7. In case no appearance shall be entered in an action for the recovery of land, within the time limited for appearance, or if an appearance be entered but the defence be limited to part only, the plaintiff shall be at liberty to enter a judgment that the person whose title is asserted in the writ shall recover possession of the land, or of the part thereof to which the defence does not apply.

8. Where the plaintiff has indorsed a claim for mesne profits, arrears of rent, or damages for breach of contract, upon a writ for the recovery of land, he may enter judgment as in the last preceding Rule mentioned for the land; and may proceed as in the other preceding Rules of this order as to such other claim so indorsed.

9. In actions assigned by the 34th section of the Act to the Chancery Division, and in Probate actions, and in all other actions not by the Rules in this order otherwise specially provided for, in case the party served with the writ does not appear within the time limited for appearance, upon the filing by the plaintiff of a proper affidavit of service the action may proceed as if such party had appeared.

10. In an Admiralty action in rem, in which an appearance has not been entered, the plaintiff may proceed as follows:—

(a.) He may, after the expiration of twelve days from the filing of the writ of summons, take out a notice of sale, to be advertised by him in two or more public journals to be from time to time appointed by the judge.

(b.) After the expiration of six days from the advertisement of the notice of sale in the said journals, if an appearance has not been entered, the plaintiff shall file in the registry an affidavit to the effect that the said notices have been duly advertised, with copies of the journals annexed, as also such proofs as may be necessary to establish the claim, and a notice of motion to have the property sold.

(c.) If, when the motion comes before the Judge, he is satisfied that the claim is well founded he may order the property to be appraised and sold, and the proceeds to be paid into the registry.

(d.) If there be two or more actions by default pending against the same property, it shall not be necessary to take out a notice of sale in more than one of the actions; but if the plaintiff in the first action does not, within eighteen days from the filing of the writ in that action, take out and advertise the notice of sale, the plaintiff in the second or any subsequent action may take out and advertise the notice of sale, if he shall have filed in the registry a writ of summons in rem in such second or subsequent action.

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(e.) Within six days from the time when the proceeds have been paid into the registry, the plaintiff in each action shall, if he has not previously done so, file his proofs in the registry and have the action placed on the list for hearing.

(f.) In an action of possession, after the expiration of six days from the filing of the writ, if an appearance has not been entered, the plaintiff may, on filing in the registry a memorandum, take out a notice of proceeding in the action, to be advertised by him in two or more public journals to be from time to time appointed by the Judge.

(g.) After the expiration of six days from the advertisement of the notice of proceeding in the said journals, if an appearance has not been entered, the plaintiff shall file in the registry an affidavit to the effect that the notice has been duly advertised with copies of the journals annexed, as also such proofs as may be necessary to establish the action, and shall have the action placed on the list for hearing.

(h.) If when the action comes before the Judge he is satisfied that the claim is well founded, he may pronounce for the same, and decree possession of the vessel accordingly.

ORDER XIV.

LEAVE TO DEFEND WHERE WRIT SPECIALLY INDORSED.

1. Where the defendant appears on a writ of summons specially indorsed, under Order III., Rule 6, the plaintiff may, on affidavit verifying the cause of action, and swearing that in his belief there is no defence to the action, call on the defendant to show cause before the Court or a Judge why the plaintiff should not be at liberty to sign final judgment for the amount so indorsed, together with interest, if any, and costs; and the Court or Judge may, unless the defendant, by affidavit or otherwise, satisfy the Court or Judge that he has a good defence to the action on the merits, or disclose such facts as the Court or Judge may think sufficient to entitle him to be permitted to defend the action, make an order empowering the plaintiff to sign judgment accordingly.

2. The application by the plaintiff for leave to enter final judgment under the last preceding Rule shall be made by summons returnable not less than two clear days after service.

3. The defendant may show cause against such application by offering to bring into Court the sum indorsed on the writ, or

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4. If it appear that the defence set up by the defendant applies only to a part of the plaintiff's claim; or that any part of his claim is admitted to be due; the plaintiff shall have judgment forthwith for such part of his claim as the defence does not apply to or as is admitted to be due, subject to such terms, if any, as to suspending execution, or the payment of the amount levied or any part thereof into Court by the sheriff, the taxation of costs, or otherwise, as the Judge may think fit. And the defendant may be allowed to defend as to the residue of the plaintiff's claim.

5. If it appears to the Judge that any defendant has a good defence to or ought to be permitted to defend the action, and that any other defendant has not such defence and ought not to be permitted to defend, the former may be permitted to defend, and the plaintiff shall be entitled to enter final judgment against the latter, and may issue execution upon such judgment without prejudice to his right to proceed with his action against the former.

6. Leave to defend may be given unconditionally or subject to such terms as to giving security, or otherwise, as the Court or a Judge may think fit.

ORDER XV.

APPLICATION FOR ACCOUNT WHERE WRIT INDORSED UNDER ORDER III., RULE 8.

1. In default of appearance to a summons indorsed under Order III., Rule 8, and after appearance unless the defendant, by affidavit or otherwise, satisfy the Court or a Judge that there is some preliminary question to be tried, an order for the account claimed, with all directions now usual in the Court of Chancery in similar cases, shall be forthwith made.

2. An application for such order as mentioned in the last preceding Rule shall be made by summons, and be supported by an affidavit filed on behalf of the plaintiff, stating concisely the grounds of his claim to an account. The application may be made at any time after the time for entering an appearance has expired.

ORDER XVI.

PARTIES.

1. All persons may be joined as plaintiffs in whom the right to any relief claimed is alleged to exist, whether jointly, severally, or in the alternative. And judgment may be given for such one or more of the plaintiffs as may be found to be entitled to relief, for such relief as he or they may be entitled to, without any amendment. But the defendant, though unsuccessful, shall be entitled to his costs occasioned by so joining any person or persons who shall not be found entitled to relief, unless the Court in disposing of the costs of the action shall otherwise direct.

2. Where an action has been commenced in the name of the wrong person as plaintiff, or where it is doubtful whether it has been commenced in the name of the right plaintiff or plaintiffs, the Court or a Judge may, if satisfied that it has been so commenced through a bonâ fide mistake, and that it is necessary for the determination of the real matter in dispute so to do, order any other person or persons to be substituted or added as plaintiff or plaintiffs upon such terms as may seem just.

3. All persons may be joined as defendants against whom the right to any relief is alleged to exist, whether jointly, severally, or in the alternative. And judgment may be given against such one or more of the defendants as may be found to be liable, according to their respective liabilities, without any amendment.

4. It shall not be necessary that every defendant to any action shall be interested as to all the relief thereby prayed for, or as to every cause of action included therein; but the Court or a Judge may make such order as may appear just to prevent any defendant from being embarrassed or put to expense by being required to attend any proceedings in such action in which he may have no interest.

5. The plaintiff may, at his option, join as parties to the same action all or any of the persons severally, or jointly and severally, liable on any one contract, including parties to bills of exchange and promissory notes.

6. Where in any action, whether founded upon contract or otherwise, the plaintiff is in doubt as to the person from whom he is entitled to redress, he may, in such manner as herein-after mentioned, or as may be prescribed by any special order, join two or more defendants, to the intent that in such action the question

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7. Trustees, executors, and administrators may sue and be sued on behalf of or as representing the property or estate of which they are trustees or representatives, without joining any of the parties beneficially interested in the trust or estate, and shall be considered as representing such parties in the action; but the Court or a Judge may, at any stage of the proceedings, order any of such parties to be made parties to the action, either in addition to or in lieu of the previously existing parties thereto.

8. Married women and infants may respectively sue as plaintiffs by their next friends, in the manner practised in the Court of Chancery before the passing of this Act; and infants may, in like manner, defend any action by their guardians appointed for that purpose. Married women may also, by the leave of the Court or a Judge, sue or defend without their husbands and without a next friend, on giving such security (if any) for costs as the Court or a Judge may require.

9. Where there are numerous parties having the same interest in one action, one or more of such parties may sue or be sued, or may be authorised by the Court to defend in such action, on behalf or for the benefit of all parties so interested.

10. Any two or more persons claiming or being liable as co-partners may sue or be sued in the name of their respective firms, if any; and any party to an action may in such case apply by summons to a Judge for a statement of the names of the persons who are co-partners in any such firm, to be furnished in such manner, and verified on oath or otherwise, as the Judge may direct.

11. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and these Rules, the provisions as to parties, contained in section 42 of 15 & 16 Victoria, chapter 86, shall be in force as to actions in the High Court of Justice.

12. Subject as last aforesaid, in all Probate actions the rules as to parties, heretofore in use in the Court of Probate, shall continue to be in force.

13. No action shall be defeated by reason of the mis-joinder of parties, and the Court may in every action deal with the matter in controversy so far as regards the rights and interests of the parties actually before it. The Court or a Judge may, at any stage of the proceedings, either upon or without the application of either party, and on such terms as may appear to the Court or a Judge to be just, order that the name or names of any party or parties,

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whether as plaintiffs or as defendants, improperly joined be struck out, and that the name or names of any party or parties, whether plaintiffs or defendants, who ought to have been joined, or whose presence before the Court may be necessary in order to enable the Court effectually and completely to adjudicate upon and settle all the questions involved in the action, be added. No person shall be added as a plaintiff suing without a next friend, or as the next friend of a plaintiff under any disability, without his own consent thereto. All parties whose names are so added as defendants shall be served with a summons or notice in manner herein-after mentioned, or in such manner as may be prescribed by any special order, and the proceedings as against them shall be deemed to have begun only on the service of such summons or notice.

14. Any application to add or strike out or substitute a plaintiff or defendant may be made to the Court or a Judge at any time before trial by motion or summons, or at the trial of the action in a summary manner.

15. Where a defendant is added, unless otherwise ordered by the Court or Judge, the plaintiff shall file an amended copy of and sue out a writ of summons, and serve such new defendant with such writ or notice in lieu of service thereof in the same manner as original defendants are served.

16. If a statement of claim has been delivered previously to such defendant being added, the same shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Court or Judge, be amended in such manner as the making such new defendant a party shall render desirable, and a copy of such amended statement of claim shall be delivered to such new defendant at the time when he is served with the writ of summons or notice or afterwards, within four days after his appearance.

17. Where a defendant is or claims to be entitled to contribution or indemnity, or any other remedy or relief over against any other person, or where from any other cause it appears to the Court or a Judge that a question in the action should be determined not only as between the plaintiff and defendant, but as between the plaintiff, defendant, and any other person, or between any or either of them, the Court or a Judge may on notice being given to such last-mentioned person, make such order as may be proper for having the question so determined.

18. Where a defendant claims to be entitled to contribution, indemnity, or other remedy or relief over against any person not a party to the action, he may, by leave of the Court or a Judge, issue a notice to that effect, stamped with the seal with which writs of

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19. When under Rule 17 of this Order it is made to appear to the Court or a Judge at any time before or at the trial that a question in the action should be determined, not only as between the plaintiff and defendant, but as between the plaintiff and the defendant and any other person, or between any or either of them, the Court or a Judge, before or at the time of making the order for having such question determined, shall direct such notice to be given by the plaintiff at such time and to such person and in such manner as may be thought proper, and if made at the trial the Judge may postpone such trial as he may think fit.

20. If a person not a party to the action, who is served as mentioned in Rule 18, desires to dispute the plaintiff's claim in the action as against the defendant on whose behalf the notice has been given, he must enter an appearance in the action within eight days from the service of the notice. In default of his so doing, he shall be deemed to admit the validity of the judgment obtained against such defendant, whether obtained by consent or otherwise. Provided always, that a person so served and failing to appear within the said period of eight days may apply to the Court or a Judge for leave to appear, and such leave may be given upon such terms, if any, as the Court or a Judge shall think fit.

21. If a person not a party to the action served under these Rules appears pursuant to the notice, the party giving the notice may apply to the Court or a Judge for directions as to the mode of having the question in the action determined; and the Court or Judge, upon the hearing of such application, may, if it shall appear desirable so to do, give the person so served liberty to defend the action upon such terms as shall seem just, and may direct such pleadings to be delivered, or such amendments in any pleadings to be made, and generally may direct such proceedings to be taken, and give such directions as to the Court or

a Judge shall appear proper for having the question most conveniently determined, and as to the mode and extent in or to which the person so served shall be bound or made liable by the decision of the question. A.D. 1875.

ORDER XVII.

JOINDER OF CAUSES OF ACTION.

1. Subject to the following Rules, the plaintiff may unite in the same action and in the same statement of claim several causes of action, but if it appear to the Court or a Judge that any such causes of action cannot be conveniently tried or disposed of together, the Court or Judge may order separate trials of any of such causes of action to be had, or may make such other order as may be necessary or expedient for the separate disposal thereof.

2. No cause of action shall unless by leave of the Court or a Judge be joined with an action for the recovery of land, except claims in respect of mesne profits or arrears of rent in respect of the premises claimed, or any part thereof, and damages for breach of any contract under which the same or any part thereof are held.

3. Claims by a trustee in bankruptcy as such shall not, unless by leave of the Court or a Judge, be joined with any claim by him in any other capacity.

4. Claims by or against husband and wife may be joined with claims by or against either of them separately.

5. Claims by or against an executor or administrator as such may be joined with claims by or against him personally, provided the last-mentioned claims are alleged to arise with reference to the estate in respect of which the plaintiff or defendant sues or is sued as executor or administrator.

6. Claims by plaintiffs jointly may be joined with claims by them or any of them separately against the same defendant.

7. The last three preceding Rules shall be subject to Rule 1 of this Order, and to the Rules herein-after contained.

8. Any defendant alleging that the plaintiff has united in the same action several causes of action which cannot be conveniently disposed of in one action, may at any time apply to the Court or a Judge for an order confining the action to such of the causes of action as may be conveniently disposed of in one proceeding.

9. If, on the hearing of such application as in the last preceding Rule mentioned, it shall appear to the Court or a Judge that

A.D. 1875. the causes of action are such as cannot all be conveniently disposed of in one action, the Court or a Judge may order any of such causes of action to be excluded, and may direct the statement of claim, or, if no statement of claim has been delivered, the copy of the writ of summons, and the indorsement of claim on the writ of summons, to be amended accordingly, and may make such order as to costs as may be just.

ORDER XVIII.

ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST LUNATICS AND PERSONS OF UN SOUND MIND.

In all cases in which lunatics and persons of unsound mind not so found by inquisition might respectively before the passing of the Act have sued as plaintiffs or would have been liable to be sued as defendants in any action or suit, they may respectively sue as plaintiffs in any action by their committee or next friend in manner practised in the Court of Chancery before the passing of the said Act, and may in like manner defend any action by their committees or guardians appointed for that purpose.

ORDER XIX.

PLEADING GENERALLY.

1. The following rules of pleading shall be substituted for those heretofore used in the High Court of Chancery and in the Courts of Common Law, Admiralty, and Probate.

2. Unless the defendant in an action at the time of his appearance shall state that he does not require the delivery of a statement of complaint, the plaintiff shall within such time and in such manner as herein-after prescribed, deliver to the defendant after his appearance a statement of his complaint and of the relief or remedy to which he claims to be entitled. The defendant shall within such time and in such manner as herein-after prescribed deliver to the plaintiff a statement of his defence, set-off, or counter-claim (if any), and the plaintiff shall in like manner deliver a statement of his reply (if any) to such defence, set-off, or counter-claim. Such statements shall be as brief as the nature of the case will admit, and the Court in adjusting the costs of the action shall inquire at the instance of any party into any unnecessary prolixity, and order the costs occasioned by such prolixity to be borne by the party chargeable with the same.

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3. A defendant in an action may set-off, or set up, by way of counter-claim against the claims of the plaintiff, any right or claim, whether such set-off or counter-claim sound in damages or not, and such set-off or counter-claim shall have the same effect as a statement of claim in a cross action, so as to enable the Court to pronounce a final judgment in the same action, both on the original and on the cross claim. But the Court or a Judge may, on the application of the plaintiff before trial, if in the opinion of the Court or Judge such set-off or counter-claim cannot be conveniently disposed of in the pending action, or ought not to be allowed, refuse permission to the defendant to avail himself thereof.

4. Every pleading shall contain as concisely as may be a statement of the material facts on which the party pleading relies, but not the evidence by which they are to be proved, such statement being divided into paragraphs, numbered consecutively, and each paragraph containing, as nearly as may be, a separate allegation. Dates, sums, and numbers shall be expressed in figures and not in words. Signature of counsel shall not be necessary. Forms similar to those in Appendix (C.) hereto may be used.

5. Every pleading which shall contain less than three folios of 72 words each (every figure being counted as one word) may be either printed or written, or partly printed and partly written, and every other pleading, not being a petition or summons, shall be printed.

6. Every pleading or other document required to be delivered to a party, or between parties, shall be delivered in the manner now in use to the solicitor of every party who appears by a solicitor, or to the party if he does not appear by a solicitor, but if no appearance has been entered for any party, then such pleading or document shall be delivered by being filed with the proper officer.

7. Every pleading in an action shall be delivered between parties, and shall be marked on the face with the date of the day on which it is delivered, and with the reference to the letter and number of the action, the Division to which and the Judge (if any) to whom the action is assigned, the title of the action, the description of the pleading, and the name and place of business of the solicitor and agent, if any, delivering the same, or the name and address of the party delivering the same if he does not act by a solicitor.

8. Every statement of claim shall state specifically the relief which the plaintiff claims, either simply or in the alternative, and may also ask for general relief. And the same rule shall apply to any counter-claim made, or relief claimed by the defendant, in his

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9. Where the plaintiff seeks relief in respect of several distinct claims or causes of complaint founded upon separate and distinct facts, they shall be stated, as far as may be, separately and distinctly. And the same rule shall apply where the defendant relies upon several distinct grounds of defence, set-off, or counter-claim founded upon separate and distinct facts.

10. Where any defendant seeks to rely upon any facts as supporting a right of set-off or counter-claim, he shall, in his statement of defence, state specifically that he does so by way of set-off or counter-claim.

11. If either party wishes to deny the right of any other party to claim as executor, or as trustee whether in bankruptcy or otherwise, or in any representative or other alleged capacity, or the alleged constitution of any partnership firm, he shall deny the same specifically.

12. In Probate actions where the plaintiff disputes the interest of the defendant, he shall allege in his statement of claim that he denies the defendant's interest.

13. No plea or defence shall be pleaded in abatement.

14. No new assignment shall hereafter be necessary or used. But everything which has heretofore been alleged by way of new assignment may hereafter be introduced by amendment of the statement of claim.

15. No defendant in an action for the recovery of land who is in possession by himself or his tenant need plead his title, unless his defence depends on an equitable estate or right or he claims relief upon any equitable ground against any right or title asserted by the plaintiff. But, except in the cases herein-before mentioned, it shall be sufficient to state by way of defence that he is so in possession. And he may nevertheless rely upon any ground of defence which he can prove, except as herein-before mentioned.

16. Nothing in these Rules contained shall affect the right of any defendant to plead not guilty by statute. And every defence of not guilty by statute shall have the same effect as a plea of not guilty by statute has heretofore had. But if the defendant so plead he shall not plead any other defence without the leave of the Court or a Judge.

17. Every allegation of fact in any pleading in an action, not being a petition or summons, if not denied specifically or by necessary implication, or stated to be not admitted in the pleading