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Admiralty has jurisdiction over a tort committed by an officer of the vessel against a seaman on board, in relation to the maintenance of 932 discipline, while the ship is lying in a port of the United States, within the body of a county.

ADVERSE POSSESSION.

See, also, "Ejectment"; "Real Property." A refusal by one tenant in common to permit his cotenant to participate in the enjoyment of the 895 property constitutes an adverse possession. The possession of lands by an agent or manager is an actual possession, upon which adverse 895 possession may be predicated Color of title under a worthless or void deed is 905

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Where a cargo has lost its original character at a port of distress, or cannot be reshipped without a total destruction of it in specie before arrival at its destination, the shipper is not liable for freight

ALIENS.

The title to land held in trust by an unnaturalized alien *held* to vest in a new trustee, appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, on the death of the first trustee, though the heirs were all 228 unnaturalized aliens, where the commonwealth had not consummated her title by inquest and office found

ALTERATION OF INSTRUMENTS.

The insertion of the words "Value received" after an indorsement does not avoid the note, unless done with the privity of plaintiff.

APPEAL AND ERROR.

No final judgment or decree can he re-examined unless the matter in dispute exceeds \$5,000. (Act 862 Feb. 16, 1875, § 3.)

No civil suit where there is a certificate of division of opinion can be taken to the supreme court, except upon final judgment, and by a writ of error or appeal. (Rev. St. §§ 650, 652, 693.) The service of a copy of the petition of appeal or writ of error, etc., required to be made within 10 days, to stay execution, cannot be made by order of court nunc pro tunc

Where the writ of error operates as a supersedeas, the security is to be for costs, and such damages as the supreme court may award for the delay

After a case has been appealed from the circuit to the supreme court, it is not the proper practice to apply to the circuit court for a request to 1100 the supreme court to send the case back for a rehearing

A writ of error, in exceptional cases, will be dismissed without prejudice to another writ, or to 1306 an effectual process to remove the cause

On appeal to the circuit court in admiralty, the whole decree is brought up, though only a part of 851 it is appealed from

Questions of fact cannot be re-examined on a 1306 writ of error

On an appeal in admiralty, new evidence is admissible, and time will be given to produce it, where it appears that appellant was not guilty of laches in not producing it in the court below The circuit court, upon appeals in admiralty, may allow amendments to the pleadings so as to permit new evidence, and new grounds of defense

Where both parties appeal from a decree for salvage, which is affirmed, libelants will not be 386 allowed interest from the date of decree in the court below On an appeal to the circuit court in admiralty, the appellate court, after decision, must execute 851 the decree, and it has no power to remit the proceedings to the district court The portion of the decree unappealed from, in case of a reversal, remains in full force, to be 851 executed in the circuit court, and becomes a part of its decree On a hearing on appeal from a decree dismissing a libel in personam on the ground that there was no proof of incorporation of defendant, or that it owned the vessel, where such objections 527 were removed by evidence, the circuit court, on reversing the decree, allowed both parties to take proofs on the merits, with liberty to either to amend his pleadings APPEARANCE. See, also, "Courts." Defendant has the whole of the return term to appear in, and, if plaintiff withdraws his action 817 before the end of the term, he cannot maintain a suit on the bail bond After an appearance entered at a previous term, 1112 it is too late to call for the authority to appear ARMY AND NAVY. See, also, "Prize"; "War." A minor under 18 years of age cannot be mustered into the army, but an enlistment of a 797 minor over such age, without the consent of his parents or guardians, is valid The oath taken by a recruit on his enlistment into the army, as to his age, is conclusive as against 797

himself and everyone else

Page The whole power of discharging minors from the army is given to the secretary of war, and 797 cognizance of such matters is taken from the courts A paymaster's clerk is a person in the naval service, and subject to the jurisdiction of a naval 409 court-martial for offenses against the articles for the government of the navy The convening officer of a naval court-martial has authority to send back to the court the record of its proceedings, with the finding and sentence, for 409 the reconsideration of such court as to revision of the sentence Such revision of sentence can be made after an intermission in which the court had been 409 occupied with other trials Where the revision is made by the court composed of the same members that took part in the trial, the sentence is not rendered illegal by 409 the fact that its membership was changed during the intermission Arrest. See "Bail"; "Criminal Law"; "Extradition"; "False Imprisonment"; "Malicious Prosecution." Assignment for Benefit of Creditors. See "Bankruptcy." ASSOCIATIONS. See, also, "Corporations"; "Insurance." A stockholder of an unincorporated association is liable in equity for the debts of the association, *788irrespective of the provisions of the by-laws limiting his liability ASSUMPSIT. See, also, "Contracts."

Plaintiff cannot recover under a count for goods sold and delivered, where defendant was 345 employed to sell on commission, and the proceeds were embezzled by his clerk, to whom they were confided. In such case an action lies for money had and received.

An action for money had and received will lie for money paid by plaintiff to defendant upon a contract which defendant has failed to execute on his part

Where there is a special agreement, plaintiff 211 cannot recover under a general count

ATTACHMENT.

See, also, "Bankruptcy"; "Execution"; "Garnishment"; "Writs and Notice of Suits."

Under Act 1789, c. 20, § 11, a foreign attachment cannot be maintained against the principal defendant unless he is an inhabitant of the 737 district where the suit is brought, or is found within it, at the time of service of the process A chancery attachment will not lie in Virginia to charge the effects of a deceased foreign debtor in 394 the hands of a resident defendant

A sheriff, who delivers up to defendant the attached property before the action is actually dismissed, though ordered to do so by plaintiff, may be required to account to subsequent 1359 attaching creditors for the value thereof

ATTORNEY AND CLIENT.

The proctor cannot proceed with a libel by a seaman against an officer of a vessel for a tort, to recover costs, where there has been a settlement made in good faith, though without his consent

AVERAGE.

General average is incurred where the expenses or losses arose in a case of emergency, not produced by the misconduct or unskillfulness of 1231 the master, and not resulting from the ordinary circumstances of the voyage

Page Where the vessel will inevitably go ashore, and the master makes sail, and puts her ashore in a place most likely to save the vessel and cargo, 344 and the vessel is lost, the property saved must contribute in general average Where a vessel cut through by ice while anchored in deep water was run ashore in 316 shallow water, and injured by lying on an uneven bottom, *held* a general average loss Damage caused to the vessel by swelling of linseed in her cargo, through its being wet by water which came in through the holes made in the vessel by the ice, and damage to the cargo by 316 such water, must be regarded as damage from a peril of the sea, and therefore not to be allowed for in general average The expenses of repairs at an intermediate port, required by ordinary decay in the course of a 1231 voyage, ace not the subject of general average Damage to the materials of a lost ship in saving 902 a cargo should be paid by the cargo Loss or damage to a wrecked vessel, or her tackle, in consequence of efforts to get her afloat, are apportioned upon ship and cargo only where 902 the efforts are successful, and the cargo saved thereby The regular port charges, and the expenses of ascertaining the amount of injury to the vessel in 902 a port of distress, and the costs of a salvage suit, will be apportioned upon the vessel and cargo The wages and provisions of the crew at a port of necessity are not chargeable on the cargo in 902 general average, unless the voyage is resumed, and the cargo delivered at the port of destination Cargo transshipped at a port of distress is liable for a reasonable compensation for the master's 902 time and expenses in securing another vessel,

where the transshipment is not to earn the original freight The expenses of traveling, to consult the shipowner or underwriter upon the propriety of abandoning the voyage at a port of distress, do 902 not fall upon the cargo, where the voyage is abandoned Where a voyage is abandoned at a port of distress, the cargo is not liable for the expenses 902 of the master's passage home Where the cargo is unloaded at a port of necessity for the common benefit of both vessel 902 and cargo, the expenses thereof should be borne by both A ship floated off a reef by putting a part of the cargo into a wrecking vessel should contribute to 902 the loss or damage suffered by such part Blubber thrown overboard from a whaler, to prevent its sinking in a violent tempest, held a 1118 subject of general average covered by a policy upon "catchings." The total salvage upon a ship and cargo saved together should be apportioned between them in 902 the ratio of their values In adjusting the average, under the usage of the port, the contributory value of the freight was taken as one-half the gross freight agreed 316 to be paid for the voyage on which the disaster occurred In the case of a jettison of goods, their value is generally to be estimated at their prime cost or 1121 original value, or, if the vessel have arrived at her port of destination, at their value at such port BAIL. Where defendant has been discharged under the state insolvent law from a debt contracted in the 349

state, he will be discharged on common bail

Page Where, in such case, he has given special bail, the court will order an exoneretur to be entered 721 on the bail piece If the special bail surrender the principal, who has been discharged under an insolvent law, the 721 court will discharge the principal from custody The affidavit to hold to bail must be strictly construed, and must state the indebtedness 1016 positively, and specify the exact amount due, leaving nothing to inference In a suit upon protested bills of exchange, the court will not require an affidavit of the amount 865 due upon the bills to hold defendant to special bail Defendant is entitled to the whole of the return 653 term to give special bail Before property can legally be delivered on bail in cases in which the United States are a party, 854 due notice must have been given to the district attorney A set-off cannot be shown, to mitigate the 865 amount of bail BAILMENT. See, also, "Carriers"; "Warehousemen." One who hires property of another is answerable only for such injuries thereto as are caused by the 461 omission of that care which a man of common prudence would have taken in his own concerns BANKRUPTCY.

See, also, "Insolvency."

Operation and effect of bankruptcy laws and of proceedings thereunder.

State insolvent laws in force at the time of the passage of the bankrupt act are suspended thereby in so far as the provisions of the latter cover the subject-matter of the former

Any corporation created for the purpose of carrying on any lawful business defined by its 274 charter, and clothed with power to do so, for gain, is amenable to the bankrupt act The federal district court, sitting in bankruptcy, has power, by injunction, to stay proceedings in 416 the state courts against a bankrupt An action in a state court to recover a provable debt will be stayed until a determination is had 1194 as to the discharge, whether the debt be one that will or will not be discharged. (Act 1867, § 21.) A debt for merchandise sold at an agreed price is provable under section 19, though it be a debt 194 contracted by fraud, and therefore not discharged under section 33 A party arrested on process from a state court; and released on giving bonds to apply to be discharged as an insolvent, filed a petition in 273 bankruptcy, and was decreed a bankrupt. Held, 1360 that before the discharge the court would not enjoin proceedings in the state-court suits Jurisdiction of courts. The district court in bankruptcy has power to make a call and assessment against the 544 stockholders in a bankrupt insurance company, on unpaid stock held by them The court has power to make such an assessment, to return unearned premiums and all claims 544 properly provable against the company, and to pay the expense of closing up its affairs The court also has jurisdiction of the equalization of payments between stockholders, and it may 544 also allow interest on claims proven The district court of another district than that in which the bankruptcy proceedings are pending 696 has no power to stay proceedings in a state court to collect a debt provable in bankruptcy

Register–Powers and duties.

A general order referring a case to the register is sufficient to authorize him to take testimony 980 in respect to the compensation of the petitioning creditor. A register conducting an examination should declare his opinion upon questions arising 368 thereon, and, on exceptions, should certify the questions to the court The register should certify to the court only 54 questions which actually arise The register has no authority to decide questions 31 arising upon objections to the discharge Commencement of proceedings-Voluntary bankruptcy. The bankrupt may withdraw his petition before the decree has been made, upon proper cause 221 shown, and on the payment of costs The bankrupt must show, either in the schedule attached to his petition, or in a separate affidavit, 54 the efforts made by him to find the present residence of creditors, which is not given -Warrant: Notice to creditors. The marshal's return to the warrant, though not conclusive, is sufficient to authorize the register 54 to proceed, if it shows due service and publication The marshal should copy into the notices the exact language used in the warrant, but 54 immaterial variances will be disregarded As to the designation of newspapers for the publication of notice to creditors under rules 5 973 and 21 -Involuntary bankruptcy. An involuntary petition cannot be maintained by 1012 a copartnership against one of its members

Page The fact that intervening petitions sufficient, of themselves, as to number and amount, to 1012 constitute the necessary quorum, were afterwards filed, will not sustain the jurisdiction of the court The amendment of June 22, 1874, respecting the number and amount of petitioners, does not 165 apply, to a case in which adjudication has been entered The petitioning creditors whose debts equal or exceed \$250 must be one-fourth of all that class 795 of creditors A creditor voluntarily joining in a petition to make up the requisite number and amount 1209 cannot afterwards defeat the proceedings by withdrawing his consent Any debt which may be proved by complying with any of the provisions of the bankrupt act is 274 a provable debt An indorser of the bankrupt's paper, who has, before the filing of the petition, become absolutely liable to the holders, by due notice of 795 dishonor, is not a creditor of the bankrupt at the time of such filing A note which falls due after the filing of the petition is not a provable debt for its face value 795 at the date of such filing Where the ascertainment as to whether the requisite number and amount of creditors have joined is not made upon reasonable notice to 387 the creditors, the power to grant time for other creditors to join is not limited by section 12, Act June 22, 1874 The allegation as to number and amount of creditors is an allegation of a jurisdictional fact, 1209 and, where the petition does not clearly show that the proper proportion has joined, the court

has not jurisdiction, and it is not subject to amendment A petition which states the giving to the petitioner of an unlawful preference in respect to 153 the debt, but does not surrender the preference, will be dismissed The petition must be sustained by proofs of the act of bankruptcy, and of the claim of the petitioning creditors, to be considered the 1105 commencement of proceedings in bankruptcy under section 38, Act 1867 An order to show cause, issued without such proofs, is illegal and void, and does not constitute 1105 the commencement of proceedings The deposition of acts of bankruptcy, to authorize the making of an order to show cause, must be 1209 such as constitutes legal testimony A petition which shows, in contradiction of its general allegation, that the provable debts of some of the petitioners do not amount to \$250, 1065 is demurrable, but the court may allow an amendment to remedy the defect An allegation that the debtor, being a trader, stopped payment of his commercial paper within 222 the period of 14 days, is too indefinite The facts concerning an alleged act of bankruptcy should be stated in the petition with such certainty and detail as to inform the debtor of 222 what he is required to make proof or explanation, as provided in section 41, Act 1867 A verification of the petition by a person whose name is omitted from the body is ineffectual as 1209 to him A petition may be signed and sworn to by an attorney of the petitioning creditor duly 338 authorized

Page Where the petition is signed and verified by an agent, proof of his agency, or of express authority, 1209 is necessary Supplementary proof may be received nunc pro tunc, in the discretion of the court, to establish 1209 the authority of the agent to sign and verify the petition A petition signed and verified by the president of a bank, on behalf of the bank, must set out his 1065 special authority Amendments introducing new acts of bankruptcy 433 will not be allowed -Acts of bankruptcy. A general assignment for the benefit of creditors 222 is an act of bankruptcy The giving of a chattel mortgage on tools and a stock in trade, to secure certain creditors, where 1105 suspended the debtor shortly afterwards payment, *held* an act of bankruptcy Suffering a sale to take place, from inability to resist it, is not an act of bankruptcy, even if, 274 by so doing, one creditor should be preferred to another The continued neglect to pay commercial paper may be alleged as an act of bankruptcy, although 338 the first 14 days after maturity expired more than 1361 6 months before the filing of the petition A conveyance by a partner, of his individual property, though made with intent to hinder, delay, or defraud firm creditors, or to prefer one 400 of them, will not sustain a proceeding against the firm An insolvent is one who is unable to pay his 222 debts in full at once, or as they become due Order to show cause. By consent of parties, an adjourned day may be 59 held to be the same as the return day

Schedule.

The bankrupt is only bound to set forth in his schedule such property as he has a light or 938 interest in at the time of petitioning. (Act 1841.) Property, the right or interest in which has passed out of the petitioner prior to petitioning, whether by negligence, extravagance, gaming, donation, or 938 fraud, need not be set forth in the schedule. (Act 1841.)

Material additions of debts or property cannot be made after the first meeting of creditors, except 304 upon such conditions as may prevent injustice Adjudication.

An adjudication without the appointment of an assignee does not divest the bankrupt of the title to his property, and a mortgage given on a compromise with his creditors is valid as against the assignee, in subsequent proceedings in bankruptcy

The proceedings will not be stopped, after adjudication, on a mere protest alleging want of jurisdiction in the court, under amended acts, 1211 before the court has full knowledge of their context

The proceedings may be set aside on motion, if made within, a reasonable time, where an adjudication is had upon a waiver made by the attorney of the debtor

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summarily order the goods, or the value thereof, to be brought into court by the parties to the bond

-Exemptions.

In Wisconsin exemptions will not be allowed from the stock in trade, or from articles simply bought for exchange, and which are not "used 963 and kept for the purpose of carrying on the trade or business."

In Kansas the title to property occupied by the bankrupt and his family as a residence at the time of the filing of the petition in bankruptcy does 846 not pass to the assignee, and he cannot maintain a suit in relation thereto

The removal of the bankrupt out of the state after his adjudication does not defeat his right to the 154 homestead

In the absence of any individual estate, partners who are heads of families were allowed 697 exemptions out of the partnership estate

Where the bankrupt is dissatisfied with the exemption allowed by the assignee, the only remedy is to except to his ruling, and have the question certified to the court

-Liens.

The lien of a factor for his advances, charges, and 1192 commissions will be protected.

The lien given by an attachment on mesne process, if perfected by judgment and levy, is protected, though the judgment was not obtained before the bankruptcy proceedings. (Act 1841.) Attachment by trustee process within four

months of the proceedings in bankruptcy is 1049 absolutely void. (Act 1867.)

A creditor who has advanced money to raise a valid attachment, made more than four months 1049 prior to the bankruptcy proceedings, retains a lien

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The urban landlord has no priority or preference, under Act Tex. April 4, 1874, over the general 983 creditors The penalty prescribed by the internal revenue acts for selling unstamped packages is incurred at the time of the sale; and a judgment therefor recovered by the United States after the 1214 adjudication in bankruptcy, with the exception of costs, is a provable debt, and entitled to priority of payment

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Examination of bankrupt, etc.

Where the creditor fails to appear on the day appointed for the examination of the bankrupt it 982 may be adjourned

Only a creditor who has proved his claim (section 26), or who has tendered proof of a debt which has not been allowed (section 22), may apply to examine the bankrupt 322

A bankrupt under examination by the assignee, cannot refuse to answer questions as to his having lost money at gaming on the ground that they would criminate or degrade him

A bankrupt cannot be examined as to property acquired or business done after the date of filing his petition, where he states that the same has 1205 no connection with or reference to his estate or business prior to that date

Where the bankrupt declines, under the advice of counsel, to answer a question, the creditor may apply to the district judge to punish him for contempt

The register has no power to decide on the competency, materiality, or relevancy of any 1205 question

Costs: Fees: Disbursements.

An order limiting the fees and costs to the amount of the bankrupt's deposit should only 396

be made after a personal examination of the bankrupt Such order will not be made where it appears that the bankrupt has been depending for his subsistence on borrowed moneys, the 390 indebtedness for which is not set out in the petition Costs will not be allowed to the bankrupt where a discharge is granted after opposition, where it 1288 appears that there was good probable cause of objection Costs of resisting opposition to a discharge will be decreed against the creditor where he filed 20 982 specifications, none of which were sustained Taxation of fees of register 974 The proper way to bring before the court the of the compensation of question and 1197 disbursements by the attorneys of the bankrupt is by petition, on which a reference will be ordered The standing auditor of the court has no power 505 to tax a marshal's bill of costs The consent of the assignee *held* a sufficient ground for the taxation of the marshal's bill of fees and expenses, and the register must 506 countersign a check drawn by the assignee for the amount The expenses of a reference to contest a claim of a creditor before the appointment of an assignee, 697 where the bankrupt is unable to pay any part of them,' may be paid out of the estate Discharge–Proceedings to obtain. There can be no discharge where the bankrupt dies pending the proceedings, without having 142 taken the final oath prescribed by section 29, Act 1867 The oath required by section 29 must be taken, 57 and produced to the register and he must then 1363

certify conformity or nonconformity, though the creditors ask time to file specifications of objections -Proceedings' in opposition. Specifications of opposition under section 31 and general order No. 24 must be as specific as 307 the grounds for avoiding a discharge required by section 34 False testimony in the examination, and false statements in the schedule, must be alleged to 307 have been willfully false, to bar a discharge An allegation that the bankrupt "is entitled" to certain real estate *held* sufficient to show that he was guilty, under section 29, of negligence, in 307 delivering to the assignee property belonging to him The creditors cannot give proof of other payments than those mentioned in the 1198 specification as alleged fraudulent preferences -Acts barring. The creation of a debt by fraud is not a ground 307, for refusing a discharge 1202 A discharge will not be refused because the bankrupt has misused and wasted his estate, and 1104 made fraudulent purchases Preferences made in contemplation of the passage of the bankrupt law of 1841 will bar a discharge 101, thereunder only when made with a view of 104 getting the benefit of the act The act of suffering a default in a case in which an attachment was made prior to the filing of the 1288 petition in bankruptcy is not the granting of an unlawful preference. (Act 1841.) Mere insolvency is not sufficient to show a payment to have been made in contemplation of 1288 bankruptcy. (Act 1841.)

A payment, to be voluntary, must originate with the debtor; the first step being taken by him, and 1288 not by the creditor. (Act 1841.) "Fraudulent preference," as used in item 9 of section 29, means only a preference in fraud of 1202 the bankrupt act; that is, contrary to its provisions The payment by a bankrupt to counsel for services "rendered and to be rendered," without 1198 fraud, is no ground for refusing a discharge An insurance made upon house and furniture, in pursuance of covenants in lease, is not a 1198 fraudulent preference It is no objection to a discharge that the wages of servants were paid after the passage of the act, 1198 where they were necessary family expenses A fraudulent conveyance made, or a fraudulent preference given, before the passage of the 1202 bankrupt act, is not a good ground for refusing a discharge. (Act 1867, § 29.) A discharge will be refused, where the bankrupt has sworn that he has no assets, when he has concealed-his property derived from profits in the 314 firm by having his interest held in his wife's name The bankrupt's wife was made a partner in a business transacted without capital, by purchasing from a member an interest which he had previously purchased from the bankrupt, who all the time continued in the employ of the 309 firm. *Held*, that the arrangement was fraudulent, and a discharge should be refused for concealment of the bankrupt's interest in the business The mere purchase and sale of articles will not

make a person a tradesman, where the articles 1104 were not bought for the purpose of selling again

A person engaged in farming and in trading live stock is not a tradesman required to keep books $\begin{array}{c} 175, \\ 1334 \end{array}$ of account

An invoice book by a retail grocer is not necessary where he has so kept his invoice bills that a complete account of all goods received by him can be made out from them

-Scope and effect.

A debt created by the fraud of the bankrupt is not affected by the discharge, though it was $\begin{array}{c} 978,\\1194\end{array}$

-Vacating: Setting aside.

A discharge will be set aside, for concealment and false swearing, where deeds from the bankrupt to his wife, through a third person, made without consideration, were asserted to have been burned, and credit was procured on the faith of his ownership of the property, where such deeds were subsequently placed on record, and the property omitted from his schedules **Prohibited or fraudulent transfers.**

A transfer of property by deed will be *held* to have taken place at the time of the actual 1153 execution and delivery of the deed, and not at its date

A transfer by a debtor, when solvent, of an estate greatly in excess of the debt, for which credit was given on the debtor's books, where a settlement 1198 was not had until after the insolvency of the grantor, *held* not a fraudulent preference Where a bank holding a note against the bankrupt and also a deposit account in his favor, receives a check against the account to pay the with knowledge note, of the depositor's 1053 insolvency, it is not a fraudulent preference, but an adjustment of mutual debts, within Rev. St § 5073

Page A conveyance, not made in the usual and ordinary course of business of a debtor, is prima 835 facie fraudulent and void. "The usual and ordinary course of business" defined A creditor who had no reasonable cause to believe the debtor insolvent at the time of 279 receiving security may hold it as against the assignee Knowledge by the bankrupts of facts sufficient to bring to the minds of reasonable men knowledge 835 of their insolvency will invalidate a mortgage of their stock of goods to a creditor A conveyance of one's whole property to a creditor to secure a pre-existing debt is 835 fraudulent and void, and the intent to prefer may be inferred from the fact of preference A creditor taking security upon all his debtor's property, knowing it to be insufficient to pay his own debt and the other creditors in full, is 1049 chargeable with knowledge that the transaction is in fraud of the bankrupt act A sale by a lien holder of property in his possession, belonging to the bankrupt, with knowledge that bankruptcy is imminent, will not 1192 be disturbed, if untainted by fraud, and a fair price obtained A sale by the bankrupt will not be set aside where the purchaser paid adequate consideration 76 in cash, at the time of the sale A second purchaser, who had knowledge of the bankrupt's failure, and that the seller held the 835 goods under mortgage from the bankrupt, does not get a good title Suits and proceedings in relation to the estate. The assignee can obtain possession of books of account transferred by the bankrupt only by 1132 proceeding by a bill in equity or action at law,

Page in which the validity of the conveyance can be tested, and not by a petition The expense and delay of a litigation will not justify a compromise in a case where public interests and the due administration of the 1280 bankrupt law require the settlement of the 1364 questions of law involved by the judgment of the court Review. The circuit court has complete and unlimited control over proceedings in bankruptcy to review 1306 the whole case, or any particular question arising in it. (Act 1867, § 2.) The distinction between the methods of review in actions in law and suits in equity-one being 1306 by writ of error, and the other by appeal—is preserved by section 8 of the act of 1867 Questions arising in the progress of a case can be 417 reviewed by the circuit court only by petition The proper process by which to remove to the circuit court an order granting or refusing a 1306 discharge is by petition under section 2, Act 1867 The circuit court will not review an incidental 978 question of practice in the district court Arrangement with creditors: Composition. Act June 22, 1874, § 17, providing for 490, compositions, is constitutional and valid 500 To authorize proceedings for a composition, a 490 case in bankruptcy must be pending The register has power, in composition proceedings, to conduct the inquiries to be made of the debtor, and to take down the substance 1 of his answers, but not to conduct a written examination upon things in general, as in bankruptcy

Page A creditor whose claim is more than offset by claims of the bankrupt against him cannot vote at 61 a meeting in composition In the case of accommodation notes given by the bankrupt to a creditor, and afterwards proved against the estate by the holders, *held*, that the 61 dividend paid upon the notes may be set off against the dividend due such creditors allowable which composition is Any is satisfactory to the requisite majority of the 61 creditors, and which is for the best interests of all concerned A creditor who has regularly appeared at the first meeting, but is not present when the vote is taken, is to be counted as voting against the 736 resolution, unless he has clearly indicated his intention not to be counted A resolution signed by the debtors, and by twothirds in number of the creditors, representing 490 one-half in value of the debts, is sufficient A composition for a payment of a certain sum on the dollar in installments-the first in cash, and 490, the others secured by notes indorsed by persons 500 named—is valid A resolution providing for the giving of notes "satisfactorily indorsed" held defective, in not 490 naming the indorser, or providing for his being named In such case an additional resolution providing for such security may be adopted at another 490 meeting of creditors, and presented to the court in the same way as the original resolution The court will not refuse to confirm, nor will it set aside, a composition, because certain property, located in another state, claimed by the bankrupt, 500 was not reckoned, where the bankrupt had been advised by counsel that his claim was baseless,

Page and it appeared that it could not be recovered, except by a long and expensive litigation A party interested is not entitled, as matter of right, to ask the summary enforcement of a 531 composition by order of court The performance by the bankrupt of an ex parte order after default will not be compelled, where 531 there is no proof of service in a manner required An order will not be made, directing the bankrupt to comply with the terms of composition after default by him, where it does 531 not appear that the creditors are willing to proceed with the composition One who has agreed to become a surety on a composition will not be summarily compelled to give security, where it appears that the bankrupt 531 has abandoned the composition, and has not given the notes agreed Where notes given upon а composition settlement fall due pending action upon a petition to review the order of confirmation, and 618 petitioners refuse to receive payment, the money must be paid into court, or the bankrupt will be liable to a summary order for payment Fiduciary debts are discharged by a composition 1085 Creditors will be *held* bound by the proceedings had in the pursuance of the resolution of 1088 composition, though they are irregular as regards other parties Amending and repealing acts. Where the register to whom the matter had been referred to ascertain the extent of the assets

did not make his report until after the passage 1081 of the amendment of July 14, 1870, the order of reference was amended so as to comply therewith.

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A petition filed on the same day on which a repealing act was approved by the president, but before the actual time of such approval, gives jurisdiction

BASTARDS.

The circuit court of the District of Columbia has jurisdiction to require the father of a bastard to 1241 give security for its support

BILLS, NOTES, AND CHECKS.

Acceptance.

A draft upon a bank in which the drawer has a fund on deposit, before it is presented to or accepted by the drawer, or charged by it against the drawer, does not operate as an assignment 1211 of the fund; and the payee is not entitled to the fund, as against a subsequent assignee for creditors, who first notifies the bank of his title The presentation to the drawer of a negotiable draft drawn against a general balance in his hands, less than its amount, without an acceptance by him, does not operate as an assignment of the fund, or create any lien in favor of the holder

To charge the accentor under a conditional acceptance, the holder must show performance of 359 the condition

Validity.

Persons taking notes of a bank are chargeable with notice of the powers of the bank, as granted 1167 in its charter

Indorsement and transfer.

The payee of a draft accepted for the accommodation of the maker, who takes it in satisfaction of a debt due from the maker, or as security, without notice of any fraud on the acceptor, is a bona fide holder for value, and stands in the same position as if the draft were

Page drawn in favor of the acceptor, and indorsed by him to such holder An, accommodation indorser of a bill of exchange, who pays the same after protest, has a 1024 right of action against the acceptor In the absence of a special agreement, the liability of acceptor and indorser of a bill of exchange 1024 attaches in the order in which their names appear 1365 on the bill A pre-existing debt is a sufficient consideration for the assignment of a note to close tie equities 801 between the original parties Demand: Notice: Protest. Demand, and notice to the indorser, are not 757 necessary, where the maker is insolvent Want of funds in the hands of the drawee of a bill of exchange renders notice to the drawer of 359 nonacceptance or nonpayment unnecessary The indorser is, in all cases, entitled to due notice 211 of the dishonor of a bill of exchange Where a demand is made on the last day of grace, notice to the indorser on the next day is in 349 time A request by the indorser of a note to the holder to pursue the maker is not evidence of waiver 787 of demand and notice, but the jury may infer therefrom due demand and notice Actions. One who takes a check with knowledge that the person who transferred it had no right to do so 1262 cannot recover against the drawer Fraud or deception in obtaining the note is no defense to a suit by a bona fide holder for value, 801 without notice An action for money had and received can be maintained in Virginia by an indorsee against a 756 remote indorser of a negotiable promissory note

The payee of a promissory note, who has been obliged to take it up on his indorsement, may recover the amount from the maker, upon a special count

In an action by the indorsee against the indorser of a void note, such note is inadmissible in 1167 evidence

An indorsee may recover against the indorser of a void note by showing the consideration paid 1167 therefor

BILLS OF LADING.

See, also, "Admiralty"; "Affreightment"; "Carriers"; "Demurrage"; "Shipping."

The necessity to keep schedule time will not justify a vessel in running at full speed in a fog 1067 alongshore

It is bad seamanship to run at full speed in a fog alongshore, where there is danger of a mistake in 1067 reckoning

Losses by "dangers of the seas" are such as are of an extraordinary nature, or arise from irresistible force, which cannot be guarded against by the ordinary exertions of human skill and prudence The mere rolling of a vessel by a cross sea is not a danger of the sea 458

Proof that the injury was occasioned by an excepted cause casts the burden on libelant to show negligence, or want of reasonable skill and attention

BONDS.

See, also, "Municipal Corporations"; "Principal and Surety"; "Railroad Companies."

A recital in the bond that the interest is to be paid on presentation of the coupons annexed is equivalent to making the coupons payable to bearer Breaches of a penal bond must be assigned 960 before judgment

BOTTOMRY AND RESPONDENTIA.

On the necessary abandonment of the voyage in a foreign port after repairs made, the master may hypothecate the vessel for the purpose of getting 873 her back to the owners, or for a voyage to a place where she can be sold without sacrifice A cargo owner on board at the time of a disaster may take a bottomry from the master for advances 1231 necessary to complete the voyage Where moneys for necessary repairs in a foreign port have been advanced upon the credit of 1302 the vessel owners, a bottomry bond subsequently given therefor by the master is void A bottomry bond is not vitiated by the stipulation that the cost of insurance shall be included in the 873 sum to be paid by the ship in case of her safe arrival

A fraudulent sale by the master in a foreign port, for necessary charges, does not affect the lien 804 arising upon a prior bottomry bond

The bottomry lender has the burden of showing that the alleged necessity existed 87

Acquiescence by part owners in a bottomry loan, the circumstances whereof are suspicious, is 938

evidence that it was bona fide

BOUNDARIES.

See, also, "Adverse Possession"; "Grants"; "Public Lands."

Marked lines and corners control courses and 1035 distances

Where land was described as bounded on the side of a creek by a line meandering down its center to a station on the bank, and thence from 134 station to station on the bank, *held*, that the creek constituted the boundary

CARRIERS.

See, also, "Affreightment"; "Average"; "Bills of Lading"; "Charter Parties"; "Demurrage"; "Shipping." The placing of a ticket on the counter of a ticket office, after the purchaser has laid down his 138 money and gone away, is not a delivery In an action for wrongful expulsion from a train, plaintiff is entitled to recover damages for loss of time, expenses while delayed, cost of another 138 ticket, and compensation for the indignity put upon him A steamboat is not liable for the loss of jewelry usually worn by a passenger as a part of her apparel, but left in her stateroom, in a handbag, 519 with other articles of personal use, and stolen while she was at supper Long-established, uniform, and well-known usage as to the mode of delivery will be considered as 732 a part of the contract of the carrier A usage to deliver goods consigned to a particular person, though in different parcels, at one place, will relieve the carrier from his 732 responsibility as insurer, where he offers to make such delivery, but the consignee claims the right to require a delivery at different places A carrier is liable for damages caused by the delay in delivering an unmarked case of goods, whose outer covering, properly marked, was 1285 removed while in its custody, where the consignee made repeated demands therefor The carrier cannot, of his own motion, set up title in a third person in defense to an action for 1206 nondelivery to the shipper or his consignee; but he may set up a delivery to the real owner, upon demand made or suit brought by him In a suit against a carrier, by the shipper or 1206 consignee, for nondelivery, plaintiff can only

recover nominal damages, where they have received the goods or their value from a third person, to whom they were delivered Where the season for the sale of the goods has passed, a carrier responsible for the delay in delivering them is liable for damages occasioned 1285 thereby, and the diminution in value is properly chargeable as an item of damage

CHARTER PARTIES.

See, also, "Admiralty"; "Affreightment"; "Average"; "Bills of Lading"; "Demurrage"; "Shipping." Where the charter gives possession and control to the charterers for a time certain, with no condition of forfeiture for a breach, the court 4 cannot decree possession to the general owners on a libel alleging a breach of the contract The court may order a vessel libeled for wages to be delivered to the general owners, where the charterers, who are entitled to possession, refuse to claim her

Where the owner retains the possession and navigation of the vessel, and contracts to carry the cargo on freight for the voyage, the charter party is a mere affreightment, sounding in covenant, and the freighter is not invested with the legal responsibility of ownership

The charter party is a mere contract of affreightment, where the owners agree to keep the vessel tight, staunch, fitted and provisioned, and to receive on board such lawful goods as the charterers or their agents may think proper to ship

In the absence of a special agreement, the duty of the master extends to all that relates to the lading and transportation of the merchandise, and, in the case of a mere contract of affreightment, the

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Page shipowners and master are responsible for the faithful performance of these duties A stipulation that the ship is to employ the charterer's stevedore and clerk does not amount 726 to a special agreement that the charterer shall perform the duty of lading and stowing Where the owner continues in control of the vessel, he is entitled to a lien for freight on goods 1313 of a third person, shipped under contract with the charterer The shipper under an ordinary bill of lading has his remedy against the ship, whether the owner retains possession and command, or the control and navigation passes to the charterer; 726 but whether the general owner, or the charterer, is liable, depends upon the terms of the charter party An agent employed by the charterer of a ship to procure freight, having notice from the owner 1034 that he must rely on the personal credit of the charterer, has no lien on the ship for his services Under a stipulation by the charterers to furnish a vessel at Calcutta with a full cargo, and, among other articles of freight, "sufficient saltpeter, or 677 its equivalent, for ballast," held, that the charterer must furnish ballast paying freight Under such charter the charterer may, at his election, furnish any article which is an 680 equivalent, and answers the description The master must inform the charterer what quantity of the several articles will be necessary 677 to load the vessel Though the charter stipulates to carry goods on deck, the master may, for sailor's reasons, refuse 621 to allow them to be so loaded, but in such case the charterer may recover damages in admiralty

The master may also carry more ballast than the charter allows, but the charterer may recover in 621 admiralty compensation for the room thus lost A provision that the vessel shall sail without delay, and in ballast, to enter upon the charter, is complied with where the vessel carries a cargo of salt, where the charterer is not prejudiced Where the charter stipulates that the master shall sign a draft on the consignees, in favor of the charterers, for the freight, he cannot refuse his 621 signature on the ground that demurrage is due him

Chattel Mortgages.

See "Bankruptcy."

CITIZEN.

See, also, "Courts"; "Removal of Causes." The status of a child whose mother was a citizen of the United States, and his father an Indian 582 maintaining a tribal relation, is that of the father

CLAIMS.

The commissioners under the French treaty of 1831 could not decide between conflicting 766 American claimants

The share of the loss of an alien partner of a firm was not allowable as a claim under such treaty, but he is entitled to be paid for freight and 766 advances out of the moneys allowed to the other members

Rights of consignees of goods seized by a foreign government under the French treaty of 1831 766

COLLISION.

See, also, "Pleading in Admiralty"; "Practice in Admiralty"; "Towage."

Nature of liability–Contributive fault.

Where two vessels collide, without blame on the part of either, the loss must be borne by that on 461 which it falls. If both are to blame, it must be

Page apportioned between them. If it is by the fault of one, that must make full compensation It is not proper for a ship to leave her wharf, in tow of a steamer, on a night so dark that a sail 342 vessel cannot be seen in time to avoid a collision An error of judgment of a sail vessel, in a maneuver made to avoid an impending collision, 447 brought about by the fault of another vessel, will not be considered a fault Between sail vessels. A vessel sailing free must take the proper measures to avoid another closehauled to the 152 wind Where the wind is equally free to both vessels, approaching in opposite directions, or both have 152 it abeam, each must port her helm Where vessels are in such position, when within 150 feet of each other, that if no change is made by either they would pass in safety, the vessel 1129 having the right of way will be *held* in fault for a change of course In case of a collision between a vessel sailing free and one closehauled, the burden is on the 370 former to prove that she took all proper measures 1367 to prevent it Between steam and sail. Where a steamer and sail vessel are approaching each other, it is the duty of the latter to keep her 342 course, and of the former to keep clear The pilot of the steamer must ascertain the true course of an approaching sail vessel, or slacken 447 speed, or stop A steamer will be *held* in fault for a collision with a schooner at night, whose change of course 124 was seen in ample time, though the schooner had no lights Between steam vessels.

Page A ferryboat must take the ordinary precautions to avoid collisions, though she is compelled to make 263 a certain number of trips within an hour Both vessels will be *held* in fault in holding their courses after each has been notified that 134 the other is taking a course which will make a collision inevitable Where the ascending steamer on the Ohio river, after signaling her course, changes her signal, and the descending steamer answers that she will 136 keep her course, the ascending steamer is bound to follow the course first signaled Overtaking vessels. The leading vessel is entitled to hold her course, and the one behind must select such a course as she may safely take to pass, where the vessel 646 ahead does nothing intentionally to thwart or prevent her passing A vessel which attempts to pass another under circumstances where it cannot be done without imminent danger of collision, where the latter is 641 not in fault, will be *held* solely liable for resulting damages A vessel which attempts to pass another while struggling in Hell Gate, there being no fault on 641 the part of the latter, will be responsible if a collision occurs Running within 20 yards, in an attempt to pass, 646 is negligence Vessels moored, etc. A vessel anchored in a proper place is entitled to room enough to swing in safety on as long scope 132 of chain as is necessary to prevent her dragging A sail vessel approaching a wharf when another is making sail to leave a wharf near by has the 758 right to presume, from the dropping of the sails

Page of the latter, that she will wait until the former comes to anchor Tugs and tows. A ship and steamer lashed together alongside, where the latter furnishes the whole motive 342 power, are held to the rules governing steam vessels. In the case of a collision with a ship in tow of a tug, caused by the negligence of the tug, the tug 554 is liable, where both vessels were in charge of a pilot appointed by the owners of the ship River and harbor navigation. Vessels navigating the East river must keep to the 525 center of the stream Steamers plying upon the East river must use special watchfulness not to interfere with the 525 course of ferryboats crossing the river A ferryboat making regular trips is nevertheless bound to be prepared for those occasions which 263call for the exercise of prudence, skill, and caution The maneuver of forereaching in a harbor is not objectionable, unless there be some reason to 393 apprehend a collision by reason of making it In the case of two tugs racing to reach a sailing vessel, to speak for employment the one which first arrives is entitled to its position, and the 848 other must take the proper measures to avoid a collision Lookouts, officers, etc. Lights should not be placed in the bows of a ship in such a position as to prevent the lookout from 342 seeing ahead Absence of a lookout, unless shown to have contributed to the collision, does not render 241 liable a vessel which is otherwise faultless

Page A usage with coasting vessels to run, under certain circumstances, without a lookout, will be 370 disregarded The failure of the steamer to have a lookout as provided by law casts on her the burden to show 447 that she was not in fault Particular instances of collision. Between schooner sailing free and schooner closehauled, where the latter was *held* in fault for 690 coming about, where the other vessel had taken proper measures to avoid her Between steamer and sail vessel, where the former had no lookout, and mistook the course 447 of the latter, and was *held* solely in fault for the collision Between steamer and schooner at night, where the latter was *held* in fault for a change of course when near the steamer, and after the steamer had 126 changed her course to avoid collision. (Reversing 124.) Between steamers in Hell Gate, where the overtaking vessel was held in fault for not 14 stopping in time to allow the other to get ahead of her Between the last of two barges, towed directly astern of a tug, and 1,000 feet therefrom, and a passenger steamer on Long Island Sound, on 639 slightly crossing courses, where the steamer was *held* in fault for not discovering the tow, which carried the regulation light Between bark at anchor in New York harbor, and tug coming down the river, where it was *held* that 165 the former's lights were sufficient, and the tug was solely at fault Between brig at anchor in a proper place, and ship subsequently anchored near, which dragged 132 her anchor and went astern, where the brig

Page subsequently drifted nearer the ship, and they came together on the turn of the tide Between vessel at anchor without a light, and vessel coming into harbor and entering the 304 anchorage ground under full sail, where both were *held* in fault Between two tugs racing to reach a vessel, to 848 speak for employment Procedure. A libel for collision cannot be brought against a vessel in rem and her owner in personam, unless 688 her owner is also master All the owners of the injured vessel should be 688 joined as libelants The libel must set out, as far as practicable, the 143 material circumstances attending the collision In the case of collision between two steamers, libelant must not only show fault on the part of 525 the other steamer, but also that his vessel was free from fault Where the injury complained of is admitted by the answer, claimant has the burden of showing 646 affirmatively the matters of justification or defense set up Rule of damages. The owner of the injured vessel is entitled to receive a remuneration which will place him in 636 the situation in which he would have been but for the collision Damages may be given, above the amount of actual injury, in case of a willful and malicious 201 collision The crew are justified in leaving the injured vessel, where her condition at the time appeared 370 to be desperate, although she might have been saved; and the measure of damages is the full value of vessel and freight

Page The sum necessary to repair the injured vessel may be recovered, though libelant has sold her 639 without making such repairs Where respondent declines to produce any evidence on the reference to ascertain damages, 383 libelant need only establish a prima facie case An allowance for loss by delay while undergoing repairs cannot be based upon speculative and conjectural opinions as to the probability of the 849 employment of the vessel, and the amount of her earnings In the case of a tug, the proper inquiry is as to what she could have been chartered for, per day, 849 in the business of towing, regard being had to the market price Where, in the case of a vessel running on a line, no vessel was hired to supply her place while undergoing repairs, an allowance of interest upon 645 her value, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, while undergoing repairs, was upheld against an appeal by both parties The demurrage clause in the charter is sufficient evidence of the measure of damages for detention 383 while the vessel is undergoing repairs In the absence of direct evidence of the amount of loss from delay while making repairs, interest 636 upon the value of the vessel during such time may be awarded Division of damages. Where a collision occurs by the willful fault or intentional wrong of both parties, the damages 848 will not be apportioned, but the libel will be dismissed The rule as to the division of damages in cases of mutual fault only applies where both vessels 201 are in fault at the time, and in the acts which

produced the collision, and where the faults, are not egregiously unequal

In a case of mutual fault, where the damages are to be equally divided between the vessels, the court may order the vessel most to blame to pay all the costs

Review.

On appeal by one party alone from a decree finding mutual fault, the circuit court cannot 136 inquire as to the fault of the party not appealing

Compositions.

See "Bankruptcy"

CONFLICT OF LAWS.

In an action in the federal court on a state court judgment of another state, the statute of limitation of the place of the action may be pleaded in bar

A discount of notes in Rhode Island, procured there by an indorser, where the money is there paid, *held* a Rhode Island transaction, though 20, the note was made in New York, where the 22 maker resided, and where it was dated and made payable

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.

See, also, "Criminal Law."

The question of the constitutionality of an act will not be determined, where the case may be 242 decided on other points

An act validating conveyances of land made under a joint power of attorney from husband and wife is constitutional, as respects prior deeds, when no vested rights are infringed

Act Miss. Nov. 29, 1865, creating a levee district, and imposing a specific tax of 10 cents per acre upon the land included therein, in default of payment of which on a day named the land may be sold without notice, *held* a valid exercise of the power of taxation

The revenue act which prohibits a suit to restrain the assessment or collection of any tax authorized is not unconstitutional, either as depriving the 44 party of his property without due process of law, or as refusing a trial by jury

A state may pass a law barring the right of action, from lapse of time, on the record of a judgment 260 of another state

The statutes of South Carolina requiring the arrest and detention in jail of colored seamen coming into ports of the state during the time 937 their vessel remained in such state are valid and constitutional

CONSULS.

A consul of a foreign power, though his sovereign is also represented by an ambassador, is entitled to intervene in a suit in admiralty for all subjects of that power interested A consul in a foreign port, under whose authority a vessel is sold, cannot acquire an interest therein 804

under the sale

CONTINUANCE.

A motion for a continuance, made at the first term after joinder of issue, granted, on the ground of the severe illness of defendant's 1338 attorney, who had charge of the case and previous cases involving the same subject-matter A continuance will not be granted on the affidavit of an attorney, stating what his client 354 told him

CONTRACTS.

See, also, "Assumpsit"; "Frauds, Statute of"; "Sale"; "Specific Performance"; "Vendor and Purchaser." A verbal agreement which is to be put into writing and signed the next day is not complete, 787 so as to bind either party, until reduced to writing and signed

An agreement by defendant to ship certain goods, on the faith of which the consignees accepted a draft for the amount, *held* enforceable by them 148 without a consideration moving from them to defendant

When a penalty is inserted in a contract, neither party has a right to avoid the contract by paying 985 the penalty

A clause stating that, "in further confirmation of the said agreement, the parties bind themselves, each to the other, in the penal sum of \$1,000," 985, *held* a stipulation for a penalty, and not for liquidated damages

CONVERSION, EQUITABLE.

Real estate devised to executors with a direction to apply the rents and profits until the happening of a certain event, and then to sell it and divide the proceeds among certain persons, is, in equity, to be considered as personalty from the death of the testator

The shares of the legatees who die before the time of sale go to their next of kin, as personal 360 property

It is no exception to the rule that land directed by will to be sold and turned into money is 1369 considered as money from testator's

death, because the period of sale is remote, and the conversion cannot be made until the time arrives

Where the proceeds of lands devised to be sold are given to a feme covert, who dies before a sale, the right to the legacy devolves upon her husband, and, if he also die before the sale, it goes to his representatives, and not to the next of kin of the wife

On the bequest of the proceeds of land to a residuary legatee, none but the first taker, and a person who is entitled to the whole surplus, can make an election to consider the proceeds as land **Convicts.**

See "Pardon."

COPYRIGHT.

A literary composition may be a book entitled to 898 copyright, without being printed The novelty of a design may consist in the form, outline, or grouping, or in the use, combination, 722 arrangement, or harmony of colors, or the combination of some or all of these attributes The right to a copyright in a musical composition depending upon authorship, and what constitutes 431 an infringement therefor The fact that playing cards may be used by persons to violate the laws against gambling does 723 not, of itself, deprive them of the protection of the law Public representation of a drama is not a publication, within the meaning of the act 898 requiring a copy to be deposited within a certain time The notice of copyright is sufficient, in the case of an engraving, when engraved on the plate, and printed from it in such a position as not to 1253 be covered when the picture is properly framed, with a reasonable margin An agreement by an actor and stage manager, with the proprietor of a theater, to write a drama, which should be performed in his theater so long 898 as it should draw good audiences, does not give the latter a right to the copyright Where the publisher takes the copyright in his own name, with the knowledge and acquiescence 51 of the author, he is the lawful owner, subject

Page to the condition of accounting to the author pursuant to the contract Such publisher cannot transfer the copyright to a third person, but may sell his stereotype plates, 51 authorize the purchaser to publish, and accounting to the author pursuant to the contract In such case the author has no right to print an edition for himself, and take out a copyright, so 51 long as the publisher complies with his contract An action at law for infringement must be 431 brought within two years thereof Every printing for sale is a new infringement, though the plates were engraved more than two 431 years before the commencement of the suit The statutory penalty for violation of a copyright is not incurred by printing so much of a book 1114 as amounts to an infringement, but only by a transcript of the entire work A design for playing cards is infringed by the of those features which appropriation substantially embrace the novelty of the 722 conception, and the value in the application of the art of the designer The copyright for an engraving is infringed by reproducing copies of it by the photographic 1253 process An assignee of an exclusive right of acting and representing a drama for one year throughout the United States, excepting five specified cities, may 898 maintain a suit in his own name to enjoin a mere wrongdoer The record of a copyright, made in the form prescribed by the statute of 1831, is at least prima 898 facie evidence that a printed title to the book was duly deposited in the clerk's office CORPORATIONS.

Page See, also, "Banks and Banking"; "Insurance"; "Marine Insurance"; "Municipal Corporations"; "Railroad Companies"; "Receivers." Public laws limiting corporate powers are notice 1159, as well to persons out of the state where the laws 1167, 1167 were passed as to those within it Directors de facto are to be considered, prima 1080 facie, as directors de jure A conditional subscription may be reduced or modified, according to the terms of the condition, 79 while the corporation is solvent The subscription to stock cannot be rescinded so as to affect the rights of creditors while the 79 corporation is insolvent The corporation need not resort to a sale of the shares of a stockholder to enforce his 1079 subscription, but may maintain an action against him In an action for an unpaid subscription to stock, the stockholder, who has exercised rights as such, 1080 cannot deny the existence of a corporation In an action for an unpaid subscription to stock, plaintiff need not show that the managers were 1080 elected by a majority of votes The fact that a subscriber was appointed by the stockholders, and had acted as one of the managers of the corporation, is prima facie 1080 evidence of an admission on his part of the existence of the corporation The original subscription book *held* prima facie evidence of the genuineness of the subscriptions, 1080 and that they were made by persons duly authorized The exception in the charter of the right to call on unpaid stock in case "of losses exceeding the 544 means of the corporation" does not limit the right

of the company or court to an assessment for payment of losses only

A corporation, while solvent, may buy in and retire a portion of its capital stock without relieving other stockholders from their liability to calls on their unpaid stock

Upon a sale of stock, paying par value, with the addition of a certain sum, to cover an anticipated dividend, *held*, that the purchaser might recover 793 back such addition, where the dividend was not earned or declared

Notes given by a corporation in violation of law1159, are void, even in the hands of a bonafide holder 1167 Authority to mortgage the corporate franchises cannot be implied where express authority has 264 been given to mortgage real estate

COSTS.

Costs in admiralty, though resting in the discretion of the court, are usually given to the 476 prevailing party

Costs were denied libelant, and given to claimants, on a libel against a steamer for injuries caused by her swells, by passing at rapid speed 641 near a pier at which libelant's vessel was moored, 1370 where no notice of the claim was given in advance of bringing suit

Costs will not be awarded against claimants in a suit on a bottomry bond, where there appeared 873 some reason for contesting it

Where two libels are filed in admiralty, where only one is required, costs in one only are 1294 allowed

Costs will not be given on separate libels by seamen for wages on the same voyage 440

The claims for costs of parties appearing in admiralty voluntarily, to protect their own rights,

are entitled to only the same priority with their other claims

A printed paper is to be taxed for as if it were written 974

Plaintiff will be required to give security where

he is a nonresident, and the use plaintiff has 911 removed from the district

Security for costs may be given at any time before 580 judgment on the rule

The law of Maryland respecting security for costs and fees does not apply to suits in equity 329

Counties.

See, also, "Municipal Corporations"; "Railroad Companies."

COURTS.

See, also, "Admiralty"; "Bankruptcy"; "Equity"; "Habeas Corpus"; "Judges"; "Justices of the Peace"; "Maritime Liens"; "Removal of Causes."

Comparative authority of federal and state courts: Process.

In the case of concurrent jurisdiction, the court which first takes jurisdiction cannot be interfered $\begin{array}{c} 969,\\ 1325 \end{array}$ with by any other

Nonresident legatees, having been made parties, by order of publication, to a suit in the state court for the settlement of an estate, and having 482

knowledge thereof, cannot sue in the federal court to have the estate administered

A bill will lie in the federal court to compel satisfaction from the debtors of a corporation of

a judgment obtained against it in a state court, 79 where the citizenship of the parties is such as to confer jurisdiction under the judiciary act

The life of a process in rem in admiralty does not end with its return, and if, at any time before the 1219 marshal is discharged, his custody becomes legal,

the jurisdiction of the court becomes complete from that time

A sheriff's levy under an attachment is terminated by an order of the state court appointing a receiver of the debtor, and a seizure 1219 by the marshal, then in possession under admiralty process, becomes legal

Federal courts–Jurisdiction in general.

The powers of the federal courts, under the constitution and laws of the United States, are as 969 distinct as the courts of distinct governments The constitutional provision that the judicial power shall extend to all cases arising under the laws of the United States is not a self-executing power, and does not vest the courts with jurisdiction without the action of congress for that purpose

The federal courts have no jurisdiction to restrain a sheriff from selling under an execution issued 1325 from a state court

-Grounds of jurisdiction.

The federal courts have no jurisdiction, on the ground of subject-matter, of a bill to restrain a collector of internal revenue from the collection of an alleged illegal income tax

The federal court has no jurisdiction, on the ground of subject-matter, of a controversy which turns upon contracts in reference to letters patent, rather than upon the letters patent themselves In order to give jurisdiction to the federal circuit court one party, plaintiff or defendant, must appear by the record to be a citizen of the United States

An American citizen will not be deprived of his right to sue in the federal court on the ground that he is not a citizen of any state, except on strong proof

Where the bill avers the citizenship of a defendant, the court will not, on affidavit, and on the hearing of an application for an injunction, 305 dispose of the objection that defendant is an alien, except in a clear case Joining an alien with a citizen will not affect the jurisdiction, especially if the alien is not a 305 material party Where all the defendants are citizens of the state, one cannot file a cross bill against the others as 79 to matters not set up in the original bill, in which the original complainants have no interest The assignee, suing in his own name, must show in his declaration that his assignor, at the time 117 of the assignment, might have brought the suit in his own name. (Act 1789, § 11.) -Circuit courts. The equitable jurisdiction of the circuit court is not limited by the equitable powers of the state 264 court effect The of redistricting the of state Pennsylvania on causes then pending on the 631 dockets considered The circuit court in one state, in a suit for infringement of patents, cannot restrain plaintiff's 1339 suing in other jurisdictions for the same infringements -Administration of state laws. On questions of a commercial and general nature 801, the federal courts are not positively bound by the 1002 decisions of the state courts Decisions of a state court on the liability of parties to negotiable paper are not controlling on 801 the federal courts

-A proper decision of the court on the construction of a state statute will control until 707

the court has authentic evidence of a different interpretation by the highest court of the state The construction by a state court of its statute of limitations, as applicable to judgments of other states, is binding on the federal court in an action therein on such a judgment

-Procedure.

Under the act of June 1, 1872, the federal district and circuit courts were required to conform to the state practice in common-law cases, when practicable

The regularity of proceedings will be decided by the state laws and the decisions of the state 553 courts

Local courts.

Powers of the circuit courts in the territory of 1217 Arkansas

The circuit court of the District of Columbia has no jurisdiction where two separate causes of action, amounting together to more than \$20, are 771 joined in one declaration, where neither amounts to \$20

CRIMINAL LAW.

See, also, "Extradition"; "Habeas Corpus"; "Pardon." The probable cause referred to in Const. U. S. Amend. 4, as the basis of a warrant of arrest, must be submitted to the committing magistrate, who must judge of the sufficiency of the grounds shown for believing the accused party guilty Before issuing the warrant, the magistrate should have before him the oath of the real accuser to the facts on which the charge is based, and on which the belief or suspicion of guilt is founded An affidavit based solely upon information and belief, where the names of the informants are not 1336 given, is not sufficient

CURTESY.

In Maine the husband is entitled to hold a trust estate of his wife as tenant by the curtesy 1056

CUSTOM AND USAGE.

A usage or custom is admissible to ascertain the nature and extent of contracts arising from implications, presumptions, and acts of an equivocal character, or to ascertain the true meaning of particular words in an instrument, when they have various meanings; but it is inadmissible to control, vary, or contradict a written and expressed contract

A custom that the owners of packet vessels on a certain line should be liable only for damage to goods occasioned by their own neglect is inadmissible to vary the common bill of lading, 458 by which the goods were to be delivered in good order and condition, the dangers of the seas only excepted

A usage or custom of a particular port in a particular trade is not such a usage or custom as will, in contemplation of law, limit control, or qualify the language of contracts of insurance A usage or custom, to control a contract of insurance, must have been a known general usage or custom in the trade, applied to all ports of the state, and so notorious as to afford a presumption that all contracts of insurance in that trade are made with reference to it, as a part of the policy

CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Customs laws.

A customs law plainly imposing a discriminating duty against the manufactures of a certain country will be construed as a repeal, pro tanto, of a provision of a treaty against discriminating duties Terms in a tariff act are to be construed according to their commercial meaning at the time the act

Page was passed, unless it appear by the act itself that a different meaning was intended An article not named in the act of 1846 does not come under the clause providing for nonenumerated articles, where it so resembles 1241 some enumerated article, in quality, material, or use, as to be governed by the similitude clause of the act of 1842 Rates of duty Duties on colored hosiery, under Act July 30. 504 1846, as amended by Act March 3, 1857 Linen pocket handkerchiefs, hemstitched or *held* dutiable "linens hemmed, as or а manufacture of flax," and not as "articles worn by 717 men, women or children, made up wholly or in part by hand." (Act Aug. 30, 1842.) Hearth rugs, made of worsted, *held* not dutiable 781 as manufactures of wool. (Act July 14, 1832.) Singing birds *held* subject to duty as "live animals," under Act May 16, 1866, though in 479 the previous act of 1861 they were specially mentioned Twisted straw, used for making straw laces, not known in commerce at the time of the passage of the tariff act *held* not dutiable as straw 630 manufactures, but as articles not otherwise specially provided for Polished window glass *held* dutiable under Act July 30, 1846, as manufactures of glass not 1155 otherwise provided for Invoice: Entry: Appraisal. The market value at the port of exportation is to be taken as the price of the goods, and a discount 774 allowed the purchaser cannot be deducted from their invoice value

Page The addition to the invoice value of an arbitrary and fictitious charge for export duty at the place 774 of exportation is erroneous It is error to charge a greater sum for commissions than the usual charge in the place 774 of exportation Where the assessor computes foreign money at a higher rate than that fixed, the excessive duties, 1155 if paid under protest, may be recovered back An importer is not entitled to an allowance for depreciation of the Austrian currency, unless his 677 invoice is accompanied by a consular certificate of the value of such currency The collector need not demand such certificate, but it must be offered by the importer, or a bond 677 to produce it In the case of importations about a month apart held sufficient where a consular certificate was 623 presented with the first importation only Payment: Protest. An official appraisement, not appealed from, is conclusive as to the dutiable value of goods, 1136 when the protest does not point out any violation of law in making it Actions for duties paid. The importer cannot sue the collector to recover an excessive duty, or a penalty paid for alleged undervaluation, without having first appealed to 504 the secretary of the treasury. (Act March 3, 1857, § 5.) An action for the repayment of duties paid by the collector into the treasury intermediate the passage of the acts of March 3, 1839, and 707 February 26, 1845, if commenced within six years of the latter date, is not barred by the New York statute

Bonding: Warehousing.

When goods are withdrawn from a warehouse,

the collector may exact the proper rate of duty, 504 where they have been entered at too low a rate

DAMAGES.

See, also, "Carriers"; "Collision"; "Contracts"; "Patents."

The measure of damages for the failure to ship goods as agreed *held* to be their value at the place of shipment at the time of refusal under the contract

In an action here to recover a certain number of pounds sterling, payable in London, the measure of damages is the intrinsic value of the pounds, measured in our dollars

A verdict of \$1,052 for wrongful expulsion from a train, *held*, should be set aside, unless plaintiff 138 should elect to reduce his judgment to \$152

DEBT, ACTION OF.

An action of debt lies for breach of a contract to pay a sum certain in an indefinite quantity of 228 cattle and horses

An action of debt lies to recover a penalty given 1214 by a statute which prescribes no particular remedy for enforcing it

DEDICATION.

To constitute a valid dedication of property to public use, there must be not only an intention to 954 dedicate, but an act manifesting such intention A statement by the owners, when platting land, that a block without number or mark was to be a 1301 public square, is a dedication for that purpose A dedication will not be presumed from a longcontinued acquiescence of the owner in the use of the property by the public, where such user is by his license, and not adverse

Verbal declarations of a surrender of control of property to municipal authorities temporarily do 954 not import a legal dedication The consent of the owner of land to the construction of a road upon it for his own and the 954 public use, does not make out a valid dedication A purchase by a city of the rights of parties occupying ground claimed as dedicated to the 1301 public does not affect its claim under the dedication A dedication once made cannot be recalled, and the intention of the owners at the time is to be 1301 considered Evidence of continued claim of title and the exercise of acts of ownership may be conclusive 954 to rebut a presumption of dedication DEED. See, also, "Acknowledgment"; "Boundaries"; "Vendor and Purchaser." Each state has a right to regulate the transmission of real property therein by deed or by operation of law, and a deed executed in any other state for 1159 lands in Michigan is valid, without regard to the residence of the parties A deed in Illinois of a surety on a postmaster's bond, not left for record until after a defalcation 1242 of the postmaster occurred, is void, as against the United States A deed of an attorney in fact, manifestly intending to convey the title of the principal, is ineffectual, unless the attorney either signed the name of the principal, with a seal annexed, stating 228 it to be done as attorney, or signed his own name, with a seal annexed, stating it to be done for the

principal

A defective acknowledgment of a deed in Rhode Island renders it void as to all persons except the 695 parties and their heirs The legislature may remedy a mere formal defect of deed previously executed The omission to specify a thing without which the things specified would be of no value does not exclude it, where it may be covered by a general description

DEMURRAGE.

A master who insists on waiting until the wharf to which the vessel was consigned is unoccupied, where the consignee offers to receive the cargo 864 at a safe and suitable adjoining wharf, cannot recover demurrage for the delay

DEPOSITION.

Notice given at noon to take a deposition between 4 and 6 o'clock of the same day is not 533 reasonable

The time for taking testimony under a commission will be enlarged to let in newlydiscovered evidence, where the party has not 1299 been guilty of any laches

A deposition taken by plaintiff cannot be read in evidence by defendant, where the testimony would not have been competent for defendant if the deposition had been taken on his part A complainant in equity who takes the deposition of the adverse party without a previous order of court, specially reserving his rights, is not thereby estopped to deny the truth of his evidence Depositions taken under a commission to another state cannot be read where the other party was not served with a copy of the interrogatories, 631 and notice of the rule and of the names of the commissioners

Page A deposition taken in chief under a commission may be read, unless the other party can prove that 759 the witness is within reach of the process of the court Where a deposition is taken under a rule to be read if the witness is unable to attend, such 349 inability must be shown, or that the witness lives beyond the reach of a subpoena Depositions opened out of court, and without the consent in writing of the opposite party, cannot 1175 be read in evidence Form of certificate to a deposition taken under 187 the act of congress The depositions cannot be read unless it appear by the certificate of the commissioners that they 631 were taken at the place indicated Where the authority of the officer taking a deposition under the act of congress appears on 1313 its face, it is, prima facie, sufficient proof of his authority It must appear from a deposition taken under the act of congress that the witness was sworn to testify the whole truth, and that the deposition 187 was written by the magistrate, or by the deponent in his presence The failure to answer the general interrogatory is 709 fatal to the deposition A witness cannot be asked if the facts stated in an ex parte certificate are true. He should be 709 interrogated as to those facts particularly Postage paid on a commission should be allowed, 13 as part of the costs thereof DESCENT AND DISTRIBUTION. In the case of the death of one of two illegitimate children, unmarried and without issue, the

children, unmarried and without issue, the mother being also dead, his property descends to the brother, under the Illinois statute of wills "Children," as used in such statute, is not 1130 confined to children born in lawful wedlock "Next of kin to the mother," in such statute, 1130 includes illegitimate as well as legitimate children Where two persons perish in the same event, there are no presumptions of law as to 1006 survivorship, unless prescribed by positive 1006 enactment

The presumption of law as to survivorship prescribed by Civ. Code La. arts. 936939, where two persons perish in the same event, only applies in absence of circumstances of the fact, and where the persons are respectively entitled to inherit from one another

In the case of a man of 68 and of a woman of 44, the presumption, under Civ. Code La. art. 939, is 1006 that the man perished first

The burden of proof of survivorship, in the case of persons perishing in the same event, is 1006 upon him who seeks to disturb the possession of others founded thereon

Where a sale of decedent's lands to pay debts is set aside upon a bill of review, and a decree of 841 restitution obtained, the heirs are entitled to an 1373 account, and a discovery of profits

DISCOVERY.

Defendant, after judgment in ejectment and new trial allowed, cannot file a bill for discovery whether the conveyance to plaintiff was not 722 merely colorable, and made in order to give tie court jurisdiction

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

Distribution of fees, where part of the services were performed during the term of a predecessor DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Fines, penalties, and forfeitures, under by-laws of "Washington, D. C, and the jurisdiction and 404 procedure for collecting and enforcing the same

DOMICILE.

See, also "Prize"; "Removal of Causes"; "War." The presumption arising from actual residence in any place is that the party is there animo manendi, and the burden is upon him to show the contrary

DOWER.

A widow is not entitled to dower in a trust estate field by her husband for third persons, nor in a reversion or remainder in a legal estate held by him

The right of dower, before the same becomes vested on the death of the husband, is under the absolute control of the legislature, and it may enact that deeds theretofore executed under a joint power of attorney from husband and wife shall bind the wife

All the substantial requisites of the statute must be complied with, in taking a relinquishment of 318 dower

A widow who receives the portion of her husband's estate devised and bequeathed to her is not entitled to a share in the personalty, as to which tie husband died intestate

EJECTMENT.

See, also, "Adverse Possession."

Any subjection of land to the dominion of a party, such as cultivation or other subsequent use, is sufficient evidence of possession to enable an adverse claimant to maintain ejectment against him. Actual occupation in person, or by an agent or servant, is not essential

The construction and maintenance of a bridge over a creek abutting on premises claimed *held* 134

sufficient evidence of possession to maintain ejectment

ELEGIT.

Execution of the writ and the rights of the tenant 1148 by elegit secured thereunder

EMBARGO AND NONLNTER-COURSE.

Goods of British manufacture, though imported from a neutral country, *held* forfeited under Act 1176 March 1, 1809, c. 91

EQUITY.

See, also, "Courts"; "Injunction"; "Patents"; "Pleading in Equity"; "Practice in Equity"; "Specific Performance."

It is only between equal equities that the rule 985 applies, "Prior in tempore, potior in jure."

A mistake of law, in the absence of fraud, is no 985, ground of relief in equity 996

A creditor, who has a specific lien upon the income of property which has gone from the debtor into the hands of a third person may maintain a suit in equity against him to enforce it A conveyance by a daughter, owner of the reversion, to her father, who had a life estate, as tenant by the curtesy, set aside for want of consideration, and on the ground of undue influence

A bill will not lie against a feme sole to compel her to make an acknowledgment of a deed made by her and her husband in his lifetime, where it appears that the sale was made without her consent, and that she received no part of the purchase money

A mistake in a conveyance will not be corrected, to the prejudice of bona fide purchasers from the 474 grantee

A party compelled to ask the aid of a court of equity to enforce his legal rights will be

compelled to do equity, and relief will be granted only to the extent of his equitable rights A demurrer to a bill on the ground of staleness will not be sustained unless the delay is such as 79 to bar an action at law upon the same claim

Escheat.

See "Aliens."

ESTATES.

Where the legal estate and the trust estate are coextensive, and both become vested in the same person, there is a merger of the trust estate in the legal estate

ESTOPPEL.

A party is not estopped, by a judgment at law in a suit in which he might have set off his demand, 1053 from subsequently suing to recover the same The manufacturers received pay for an engine on the false representation that it had been finished and delivered for transportation. *Held*, where they subsequently built the engine, and marked 1071 it with the customer's name, that he was entitled to it, by estoppel, as against their assignee in bankruptcy

EVIDENCE.

See, also, "Appeal"; "Deposition"; "Trial"; "Witness." Judicial notice.

The court will not take judicial notice of how long it may take an express company to carry 665 money between two places

Presumptions: Burden of proof.

A deed will not be presumed as between parties who do not sustain the relation of vendor and 281 purchaser

A deed stating a nominal consideration cannot be presumed to have been made for an illegal 759 consideration from the fact that a deed on the day 1374 before was made on such consideration Best and secondary.

The declarations of a person in whose favor a

letter of guaranty is given are inadmissible for 481 plaintiff in an action thereon To admit parol proof of the contents of a debt, the original must be proved to have been lost or 281 destroyed Secondary evidence will not be admitted where a written contract was not lost nor destroyed, but *793 only mislaid, though the party makes oath that he has made diligent search, and cannot find it Declarations and admissions. The declarations and admissions of prior owners of a vessel, not a part of the res gestæ, are not evidence against subsequent bona fide purchasers The declarations of an ancestor, while a slave, are 130 inadmissible Declarations of deceased persons that a certain person was free are admissible in evidence to 130 show that fact Documentary. The charter of a corporation may be proved by the pamphlet laws of the state, published by the 1079 authority of the legislature A record of a state court, which sets forth proceedings warranted by the law of that state 978 is entitled to verity, although not formal in some particulars An under proceedings examination supplementary to execution is a "judicial 1153 proceeding" within the act of congress relating to authentication of records of state courts In a suit by seamen against the master plaintiff may read in evidence an answer by defendant in 211 a prior suit between the parties for wages

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A copy of an official letter of instruction from the						
state auditor to a county auditor, certified by the 335						
latter, is admissible						
The statement of an officer in his certificate of						
his official character is prima facie evidence of 631						
the fact						
Where the officer does not state his official						
character, the omission may be supplied by proof 631						
at the trial						
An instrument can be proved by the subscribing						
witness only where it is not shown that he cannot 654						
be produced						
Parol evidence.						
A party may show that a deed is void for fraud						
or illegality.						
Competency: Materiality: Relevancy.						
Evidence to prove a particular course of trade,						
or other matters in the nature of facts, is proper; 1295						
but not to prove how a law is considered by ¹²⁹⁵						
merchants						
Handwriting.						
Handwriting of a party may be proved by a						
comparison of hands where it is the best 481						
evidence the nature of the case will admit of						
Weight and sufficiency.						
Direct testimony of the signing of an instrument						
will outweigh negative testimony by a person						
acquainted with the handwriting, where both 831						
witnesses are equally credible						
A bill of parcels, receipted by defendant, is not						
per se evidence of an unexecuted contract to						
deliver the goods, but is prima facie evidence of ⁷²⁵						
a contract executed						
EXECUTION.						

See, also, "Attachment"; "Bankruptcy"; "Elegit"; "Garnishment"; "Judgment."

An execution delivered to the marshal will constable 757 supersede one delivered to а subsequently, but first levied Money in the hands of a sheriff cannot be levied on nor applied to an execution against the 533 plaintiff Money in the hands of defendant may be seized 533 on execution and credited as a payment Land must be sold on execution under the law in 1310 force at the time the contract was entered into A marshal's sale on execution of land in which defendant had no interest will be set aside on motion of the purchaser, who was deceived or 1079 misinformed, where the sale has not been completed A suit in rem for forfeiture of property by reason

A suit in rem for forfeiture of property by reason of violat:on of the internal revenue laws is a "common-law cause," within the meaning of Rev. St. § 916, and, after the return of execution 121 against the stipulators unsatisfied, supplementary proceedings, under the New York law, are properly taken

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

The acts of agents of the treasury department in stating and settling accounts of officers and issuing warrants for balances found due are 242 ministerial acts, and the authority given by law must be strictly and literally pursued Act May 15, 1820, in relation to the settlement of accounts of military and naval officers charged with the disbursement of public moneys, does not apply to a mere acting purser in the navy After the accounts of an officer of the navy have been once stated and settled by the treasury department, the auditor has no power to open or resettle them of his own mere authority 242

EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS.

A creditor appointed administrator on his petition will not be removed on the petition of 1118 the next of kin, without cause The administrator should give a bond sufficiently large to cover the amount which is in equity due the representatives from the government, where there is a bill in congress for an appropriation An administrator has no authority to sell an estate held by his intestate in trust for other 1056 persons as assets to pay the debts of the intestate

Exemptions.

See "Bankruptcy."

EXTRADITION.

No authority is required from the executive to enable a judicial officer to issue a warrant for the arrest of an alleged fugitive from justice, under 1228 the treaty with Great Britain of August 9, 1842, and the acts of congress to carry it into effect Upon the hearing, copies of depositions and of warrants and other papers certified under the hand of the person issuing them, and attested 1228 upon the oath of the party producing them to be true copies, are admissible

FACTORS AND BROKERS.

A broker whose principal writes him to charter a vessel has authority to make a binding verbal 146 agreement to that end Authority to a consignee to furnish a cargo under

a charter gives no right to waive any of its stipulations, or make any agreement as to the manner in which the ship shall be loaded or 1375 ballasted

The factor is under no obligations to complete a purchase for the principal, where the latter has 665 failed to send the money therefor as agreed The act of the factor in selling goods below the limited price is ratified where he renders an

account of the sales and prices, and the principal draws on him as authorized for the balance, and makes no objection thereto

An action for money had and received lies against an agent employed to sell goods on commission, who has received the proceeds, 345 which have been lost through the embezzlement of a person employed by him

The consignors, by bringing assumpsit for the proceeds of cargo taken under legal process by the consignees for a debt of the prior owners of the shin, waive the tort, and defendants are entitled to the customary commissions, and are chargeable with interest

The consignee to whose possession the property has not come, it having been seized by a foreign government is only entitled, out of the indemnity awarded, to his expenses and commissions

FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

A justice of the peace, who either requests, directs, or commands a constable to arrest a person out of his jurisdiction, is liable for false imprisonment

FISHERIES.

See, also, "Seamen."

The custom of the port where the vessel is owned and from which a fishing voyage is made as to the amount of the master's share will control

FORFEITURE.

See, also. "Customs Duties"; "Informers"; "Internal Revenue"; "Shipping."

On a libel for forfeiture, doubtful circumstances, which the original owners might explain, have not the same weight against bona fide purchasers, who are not presumed to be conversant of them

FRAUD.

Courts	of	common	law	and	equity	have	621
concurre	ent ii	irisdiction	in cas	es ot t	traud		
Fraud will never be presumed. The facts to show						750	
it must l	be cl	early stated	d and	prove	d		/39

FRAUDS, STATUTE OF.

A contract for the sale of the notes of a private				
bank is within the statute of frauds				
A separate and express promise by a partner to				
pay a debt of the firm is not a promise to pay the				
debt of another within the statute of frauds				
Acts done by the vendor alone will not take a	172			
verbal sale of land out of the statute				

FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCES.

See, also, "Bankruptcy."

An assignment of an equitable estate in lands under a bond for title made to indemnify sureties, and without intent to delay or defraud creditors, is valid

An absolute deed of household furniture and of a stock in trade is fraudulent and void as to creditors unless the possession bona fide accompany and follow the deed

The fact that the possession remained with the seller for justifiable purposes will not vary the 1144 rule that possession must accompany the sale A fraudulent conveyance is binding upon parties and their privies 235

GARNISHMENT.

See, also. "Attachment"

A direction by the debtor to the garnishee to pay the debt to the attaching creditor, where he assented to it, is equivalent to payment, so far as subsequent attachments are concerned

GRANT.

See, also, "Public Lands."
The district court has no jurisdiction to divide and partition a claim under a Spanish land grant 90 among claimants Claim to a Mexican land grant rejected on the ground of the insufficiency of the evidence to 397 establish the bona fides of the grant Where no grant, either perfect or inchoate, was made, nor any promise given that a grant would be made, mere occupation pending an application for the land does not constitute a valid claim

GUARDIAN AND WARD.

A motion for the appointment of a guardian to an infant party must be in writing, and must state the name of the person proposed, and his consent to be appointed

A guardian has power to convey land in trust to secure a debt due to the elegit creditor of his wards, and an exoneration of the lien created by the elegit

Where infants are brought into court, a guardian ad litem may be appointed without a commission 509

HABEAS CORPUS.

The writ may be issued to inquire into the cause of commitment under a civil process, as well as 242 in the case of a criminal process

A debtor discharged under the insolvent act and arrested for a debt accruing before his discharge 369 may be discharged upon habeas corpus

The writ will issue where colored prisoners have been tried capitally before a state court by a jury exclusively white, in contravention of Rev. St. § 641

The writ will-issue on petition by a federal officer arrested by the state authorities, alleging that he is held in custody for an act done under authority of the United States

Notice to those who represent the state, as required by the local authorities, is not essential The writ may issue to relieve an officer of the federal government who has been imprisoned under state authority for the performance of his duty

The writ will issue by a federal judge where a marshal is imprisoned under a state court process for not producing persons on a writ issued by such judge, and he will be discharged where it appears that such persons were legally in his custody, pursuant to the provisions of an act of congress

The decision of the federal court on a petition by a federal officer, alleging that he is held in custody by the state authorities for an act done 214 under authority of the United States, is binding on the state courts

A state court may issue the writ to inquire into the cause of detention of a person held under 695 authority of the United States, and may discharge him where he is illegally held 592. contra Where the return to a writ issued by the state court that the prisoner is held as a deserter from the army is traversed, the court may inquire into 592 tie truth of the facts alleged, and may discharge the prisoner if it appear that he is illegally held Where it appears on the writ of habeas corpus that the imprisonment is under the authority of 965 an act of congress, the jurisdiction of the state court is at an end One decision on habeas corpus is not final where 969 a full trial was not had The decision of a state court remanding the

prisoner on habeas corpus proceedings is no bar 592 to the subsequent issue of the writ by a federal court, and a full investigation by it of the cause of detention

A proceeding by writ of habeas corpus is not a criminal proceeding, but is a civil action, within act July 2, 1864, and the prisoner may testify in his own behalf

HOMESTEAD.

See, also, "Bankruptcy."

A homestead exemption against levy by execution founded noon "any demand for any debt contracted" is good against judgments for torts, both principal and costs

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

A married woman, who comes into Massachusetts without her husband, he never having lived with her in the state, has full power to contract as if she were sole

Where a married woman took a deed in her own name for property purchased with a separate paraphernal fund and with community funds, *held*, that the property belonged to the community, and the wife became the creditor of the community for the amount invested by her A married woman is not bound by a false declaration made in a mortgage executed by her to the effect that the mortgaged property was community property

A widow, by reacknowledging a deed executed by her while married, and therefore void, gives it full validity and force, though she do not re-sign it

INDIANS.

See, also, "Citizen."

The Indian nations are treated as sovereign communities possessing the right of free deliberation and action, but owing a qualified subjection to the United States Members of an Indian tribe, who scatter themselves among the citizens of the United States, will he held equally therewith subject to the jurisdiction of the federal courts

INFANCY.

See, also, "Guardian and Ward." An infant, after the death of his father, cannot recover his wages for services performed in the lifetime of the father under a contract made with the father

A father assigned a portion of his infant son's wages in consideration of the assignee's engaging to teach the boy a certain trade. *Held*, that the son could not recover money thus received by such assignee in an action for money had and received

INFORMERS.

An informer has no legal or equitable right to 1017 compensation save as provided by law

The district courts, as courts of admiralty, have jurisdiction of the question who are entitled to the proceeds of a seizure as informers or otherwise.

Where the fact that a party is informer is not in controversy, a court of common law or equity may sustain a suit for an account and distribution of his share

INJUNCTION.

See, also, "Patents."

On a bill for specific performance, where defendant, before the hearing, will probably render itself incapable of performing the contract 1245 specifically, an injunction will be allowed only where the bill states a case for the relief asked A circular addressed to policy holders, stating that the company would not insist upon a 1045 forfeiture of policies for nonpayment of interest,

is a waiver of a forfeiture, available in a court of law, and a suit will not lie to enjoin the company from setting up the forfeiture by way of defense in an action at law

A threat to commence a suit in a state court on a city ordinance in conflict with a commercial regulation of congress is no ground for an injunction in the federal circuit court, as there is 1111 an adequate remedy at law by defense in the state court, and an ultimate review by writ of error in the supreme court of the United States Where an injunction is granted on a bill to stay proceedings in a suit at law commenced by a foreigner, the court will not permit the answer 350 to be filed by his attorney, upon whom the subpoena was served

A temporary writ will be granted where, without it, great injury may happen to the complainant, 32 and no injury can result from it to the defendant The amendment of a bill upon which an injunction has been granted before answer filed will not affect the injunction granted on the original bill

A motion made after five years to dissolve an injunction absolutely, without an answer, will be 350 denied

A delay in the prosecution of a bill in equity is no ground of dissolving an injunction continued to the hearing, where defendant resides abroad, beyond the reach of the process of the court

An injunction till answer will not be dissolved until all of the defendants who are interested 985 have answered

An averment in the answer, not responsive to any allegation in the bill, is not per se evidence against complainant on a motion to dissolve an injunction

INSANITY.

A formal gift by assignment of a policy while the insured was judicially declared insane, *held* 141 ratified by his declaration that he had given the 1377 policy, made after he was declared sane

INSOLVENCY.

See, also, "Bankruptcy."

A discharge under the insolvent law of a state as to a debt contracted out of the state will not 840 discharge the person of the debtor Plaintiff may maintain an action, though discharged as an insolvent debtor since the cause 771 of action accrued

INSURANCE.

See, also, "Marine Insurance."

The words used in a policy will be construed in their ordinary and commonly received meaning where there is nothing to show that they were intended to be understood in a special sense Omissions or misrepresentations of facts material to the risk in an application will avoid the policy where the agent had no knowledge of the premises

Misrepresentations do not avoid the policy where the company's agent makes the survey and the representation of the property to be insured, 1255 being as well acquainted with its situation as the insured

Under a policy insuring persons against loss on certain merchandise, "their own, or held by them in trust or on commission," *held*, that the insurance was on the goods, and not on the interest of the insurers, and parol evidence was inadmissible to show a different intent Under the clause in a reinsurance policy, "loss, if any, payable at the same time, and pro rata with 548 the insured," the reinsurer is liable to pay the

Page amount the first insurer is liable for, and not the amount it actually pays Construction of the clause providing that in the ease of other insurance, the insured should be entitled to receive no greater proportion of the 865 loss sustained than the loss bears to the whole amount insured In the case of an insurance by a person of goods held by him in trust, and also by the owner, held, 858 that the policies were contributory Insurance against accident "while traveling by public or private conveyance" does not cover 823 an accident occurring to the insured while journeying on foot along a public road "Accident" includes any event which takes place without the foresight or expectation of the person acted upon or affected by the event, and will 823 include an assault made by persons who have waylaid the assured for purposes of robbery or otherwise Charge to a jury on the question of suicide set 818 up in defense to an action on a life policy Where the insurance company has failed to object to a matter of form in the proof of loss 548 until too late to remedy it, it is estopped to set up the defect An assignment by the assured and his wife of a life policy payable to the wife "or assigns," by its terms absolute, but intended as collateral security 1036 to the assignee for premiums he should pay on the policy, is not invalid under the laws of New York An agreement by the widow of the insured and beneficiary under the policy, with an assignee thereof, to receive a certain sum in satisfaction of 1036 her interest, held a ratification of his authority to collect the amount from the insurer

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Where losses were to be paid by assessments upon policy holders, who were at liberty to pay or not, as they elected, the collection of such assessments cannot be enforced

The failure of the company to make assessments regularly from month to month, as provided in the policy, cannot be retrieved by an assessment by the court on the bankruptcy of the company

INTEREST.

A judgment in Iowa upon coupons made there and payable in New York, but silent as to interest, will draw interest at the legal rate in Iowa

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Rectifiers are bound to keep the book prescribed by Act July 13, 1866, § 26, and make the proper entries in it, whether the revenue commissioner 107 has prescribed any rules and regulations on the subject or not

All ambiguous entries in the book are to be taken most strongly against the rectifier where 107 discrepancies are not explained

The rectifier must himself make the entry in the book required by Act July 20, 1868, § 45

The fact that spirits are purchased for less than the amount of the tax upon them is sufficient, in the absence of explanatory circumstances, to 107 show that the purchaser could not have believed

that the tax was paid

Where spirits are found upon a rectifier's premises, and no proof is given that the tax has been paid, it may be assumed as a matter of law and fact that the tax, had not been paid The fact that spirits are properly branded by the government inspectors is not evidence that the 107 taxes on them have been paid

Page A rectifier "knowingly and willfully" neglects to comply with the law where it was his will, freely exercised, that stamps should not be canceled 116 when barrels were emptied on his premises; and all distilled spirits owned by him are forfeited for such neglect (Act July 20, 1868, §§ 43, 96.) Distillery property libeled for alleged violation of the revenue laws will not be bonded where there 105 is reasonable ground to believe on the evidence that the law has been violated On such application the government need not furnish the details of its evidence further than 105 is necessary to show reasonable and probable ground to sustain the prosecution Unstamped packages of tobacco and cigarettes, found in a tobacco store, are forfeited under Act 122 July 20, 1868, § 70. The expression, "in fraud of the internal revenue laws," means "in violation" of such laws. (Act July 122 30, 1864, § 48, amended Act July 13, 1866, § 9.) Having on hand unstamped packages of tobacco for the purpose of being sold without payment 122 of tax is good ground for forfeiting the entire establishment The intention on the part of those in charge of a tobacco store to violate the law in relation to the goods that were taxable by not canceling the 122 stamps on packages that were sold, as required by Act July 20, 1868, § 72, will forfeit the whole establishment. A tax deed made by the sheriff and tax collector does not require a stamp, under Act July 13, 1265 1866. Property bought and paid for by the husband, 296 and deeded to his wife under an understanding that it should be willed to him, held liable to the

succession tax, where it is subsequently devised to the husband.

A fund accumulated in 1863 by a railroad company, in government bonds, as net earnings, and turned over in 1867 to a trustee for the 625 stockholders on the consolidation of the railroad with another, *held* not liable to tax as income A suit in equity will not lie to restrain the collection of an income tax on the ground that the act of congress imposing the tax is 863 unconstitutional and void

The assessment or collection of any tax authorized cannot be restrained where the officer has power to inquire and determine whether the thing assessed by him is liable to taxation, however erroneous his decision of that question may be

Interpreter.

See "Witness."

JOINT TENANCY.

A mortgage to four persons will not create a joint tenancy, unless the words clearly and manifestly 235 show such an intention

A conveyance by one joint tenant of his share 1056 will sever the joint tenancy

In equity, where there is a joint tenancy in a mortgage, the surviving mortgagee will be held a trustee for the representatives of the deceased comortgagee

JUDGE.

A judge of the federal district court, while sitting alone as circuit judge in the circuit court, has the same power and jurisdiction as any other judge sitting in the same court

Where one judge has denied a motion, another judge of the same court has jurisdiction to grant 1046 leave to renew it

JUDGMENT.

Lien.

An interest in lands acquired at an administrator's sale, before title is passed, is 615 liable to the liens of judgment creditors Judgments entered on the same day create equal liens, and the issuing of an execution on any one of them does not affect the lien of the others and 1073 the proceeds on a sale should be distributed pro rata

Operation and effect.

The recital in a decree of due service of process is conclusive, unless contradicted by something in the record itself, showing that such recital is not or could not be true

A fraudulent sale and conveyance by an administrator, confirmed by a decree of the court, may be questioned and declared bad in an 631 ejectment or other action as well at law as in equity

It cannot be set up, to avoid the bar of a judgment entered upon a verdict, that the evidence was wholly insufficient to establish the 213 claim, or that no evidence was offered or received by the court

Proof outside of the record is not admissible to contradict it where it would affect the rights of 770 third persons acquired under the decree

To render a former adjudication an estoppel, the point adjudicated must have been admitted or distinctly nut in issue in the course of the former adjudication, and must so appear of record A decree in a patent case declaring certain claims void, but sustaining another, and directing an account, is not final, and does not make the question of the validity of the claims res judicata The discharge of a trustee in an action at law at nisi prius, to which discharge exceptions are 1049 pending in a law court, cannot be pleaded as a judgment in bar of another action A prior decree in admiralty, when set up as a bar, should be given in evidence, and not be made 439 the basis of a summary motion to prevent further hearing A verdict and judgment at law against the validity of a patent bars a suit in equity on the same 619 patent between the same parties Relief against: Opening: Vacating. Equitable relief against a judgment at law is granted only where the judgment is obtained in consequence of accident, mistake, or fraud, 183 without any fault of the injured party, who has no remedy, or has without fault lost his remedy at law Relief on the ground of surprise at the trial and indisposition of counsel on the motion for a new 183 trial, preventing a full and fair hearing, will be refused The fact that a judgment at law was obtained through the inattention and neglect of defendant's 1122 counsel, who was not pecuniarily responsible for the amount, is no ground of relief in equity Execution will be enjoined where a judgment of law has been obtained by surprise or without the knowledge of defendant or his counsel, where 850 defendant had taken a bill of exceptions, and intended to prosecute a writ of error Where the right to answer has been absolutely 1219 waived, the court has no power to open a default A judgment by default and writ of inquiry set aside at the following term upon affidavit of 489 merits, payment of costs, plea to the merits

instanter, and offering ready for trial

To open a judgment by default in Wisconsin, a copy of the proposed answer and affidavit, excusing the default, and an affidavit of merits, must be recorded

Of different jurisdictions.

The validity of a decree in a suit brought to enforce a trust by the substitution of a trustee in the place of one deceased, made by the court in the county where the land lay, though all the persons in interest were not made parties, cannot be collaterally questioned in another tribunal.

Actions on judgments.

A plea that the judgment was obtained by fraud, duress, etc., is bad on demurrer 260

A judgment against the principal debtor in a foreign attachment is not evidence in another 756 state of a debt due

JURY.

In an action of tort in the federal court, where defendant suffers a default, plaintiff has no constitutional right to have the damages assessed 332 by a jury, but such assessment may be made by the court.

It is no ground of challenge that a juror is an alien 130

A challenge for favor will be tried by the jurors already sworn 130, 370

Evidence as to the prevailing opinion of individuals of the religious sect to which the juror belongs is inadmissible on trial of a 370 challenge for favor

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

A justice of the peace has no jurisdiction of an 842 action against an administrator

LANDLORD AND TENANT.

The landlord has no lien in Louisiana on the insurance moneys where goods of his tenant are 510 destroyed by fire.

Goods of the tenant levied upon under execution, though not removed from the 528 premises, are not subject to distress for rent

LARCENY.

An indictment for larceny held not sustained on proof of a loan of money by the witness to the confederate of the prisoner, who won it from him by gambling

LIBEL AND SLANDER.

Proof of the authority for and the truth of a statement is admissible only in mitigation of 1140 damages

Plaintiff's character being put in issue in an action for libel, plaintiff may give evidence of his 1140 character before it is attacked by defendant

Liens.

See "Admiralty"; "Affreightment"; "Bankruptcy"; "Carriers"; "Charter Parties"; "Maritime Liens,"; "Shipping."

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS.

See, also, "Adverse Possession"; "Ejectment"; "Equity"; "Maritime Liens."

Construction of the limitation laws of Ohio of February 25, 1824, February 22, 1830, February

18, 1831, February 28, 1846, March 22, 1849, and Code, tit. 2, § 7

Statutes of limitation are founded on sound policy, and should not be evaded by a forced or 905 astute construction.

The state statute of limitations may be pleaded in bar to an action for the infringement of letters patent, brought in a federal court in the state 681; 357 contra,

Page The statute of limitation is not applicable to a suit by a vendor of land, who has retained title 228 as security, to subject the land to the satisfaction of the purchase money The limitation of an action to foreclose a mortgage applies to an action to reform and 474 foreclose a mortgage In cases of concurrent jurisdiction courts of equity are bound by tie statute of limitations, but in the consideration of purely equitable rights 1017 and titles they act in analogy to the statute, and are not bound by it Under a statute which provides that the time during which the person shall be under disability shall not be computed, *held*, that where it had 895 once begun to run it would continue to run over all subsequent disabilities An objection to the running of the statute in an action for the recovery of land founded upon the allegation that defendant's possession was 24 obtained by fraud can only be made by the party injured by the fraud Time begins to run against a trust as soon as it is openly disavowed by the trustees insisting 017 upon an adverse right and interest, which is unequivocally made known to the cestui que trust "Persons beyond seas" means persons not 24 residents of the state Anything added, going to negative a promise or acknowledgment, must be considered as 359 qualifying every other expression The admission of the receipt of goods, coupled with a claim of payment, will not take the case 620 out of the statute. An acknowledgment of a note, and that it had not 653 been paid, coupled with a statement that payment

would be resisted, held sufficient to take the case out of the statute

A promise to account, though the debtor adds that he owes nothing, will amount to a promise to pay if it appears on the account that anything is due

A conditional promise to pay will not remove the bar of the statute unless the condition is 359 performed

A promise to pay if the creditor will prove his demand, is sufficient to take the case out of the 359 statute

Less strictness of proof is required to establish a promise before the statute has run than to prove 408 a new promise after the debt has become barred The court will not give leave to file the plea of the statute out of time, especially where there has 433 been negligence and no pretense of merits.

LOST INSTRUMENTS.

The payee of a lost inland bill of exchange is not liable to the indorsee unless the latter has offered indemnity against the lost bill and demanded a new bill from the drawer

LOTTERIES.

A conveyance of land lying in New Jersey, founded on a lottery consideration, is void, within the lottery act of that state, although the lottery was contrived and drawn in another state

MALICIOUS PROSECUTION.

Demanding excessive bail where plaintiff has a good cause of action or holding to bail where there is no cause of action, if done vexatiously, will sustain an action for malicious prosecution. The failure of the plaintiff to recover in a suit instituted by him does not establish the fact that 330 the action was vexatious or unfounded.

Probable cause of action in a suit upon the failure to recover in which an action for a malicious prosecution is instituted is a sufficient answer to such a suit.

In an action for a malicious prosecution the records of other actions brought by defendant 330 against plaintiff are inadmissible.

MANDAMUS.

The courts have no power to cause the writ to issue to the head of an executive department to compel the performance of an act not merely 456 ministerial, but involving the exercise of judgment

MARINE INSURANCE.

See, also, "Average."

The contract.

The omission of the master to communicate the loss of the vessel, where willful and with a fraudulent design to enable the owner to make insurance, will not render void a policy thereafter obtained by the owner, who acted with entire good faith

A mistake in the marks of goods insured *held* not material where the intention was apparent. 1295

A policy upon "outfits" and upon "catchings" 1118 substituted for the outfits in a whaling voyage protects the "blubber" when on deck

In a time policy on a vessel in her home port when made, seaworthiness at the time of sailing 1269 is an implied warranty

In the case of perishable cargo there can be no recovery except in the case of an absolutely total 1002 Joss.

It is a total loss where, by reason of the perils insured against, the cargo is permanently 1002 prevented from arriving at the port of destination Potatoes are deemed perishable articles within the memorandum of the policy of insurance Abandonment.

The owner of a perishable cargo at a port of distress may abandon it and recover for a total loss where it will be totally lost before repairs to 1002 the vessel can be completed, and no vessel can be found in which to transship it

A capture as prize will authorize an abandonment as soon as notice is received, provided the loss continue to the time when the abandonment is 131 made

A recapture with a view to salvage produces only a temporary interruption of the voyage where the salvage and expenses do not exceed one-half the value, and gives no right to abandon

Where the voyage is lost or rendered worthless by the recapture, or where the salvage expenses 131 are very high, the assured may abandon

The warrant of survey, and report made thereon, under which the vessel is sold, is the best evidence as to the condition of the vessel at the time, and testimony of the master is not admissible, except to prove the facts contained in the report

The loss of the warrant cannot be proved by a certificate of the registrar of a vice admiralty 1001 court.

The rule with regard to the half value is that the vessel, after repairs made, shall be of double the value of the cost of the repairs without any deduction of one-third new for old

A clause in relation to the right to abandon the 1002 vessel *held* inapplicable to the cargo Suits.

A suit on a policy of insurance is properly brought in the name of the real owner, whose 1295

property was intended to be insured, though the name of the agent only appears in the policy Proof of a capture by a foreign privateer *held* sufficient evidence of total loss after three years, 1295 without showing a condemnation.

MARITIME LIENS.

See, also, "Admiralty"; "Affreightment"; "Bottomry and Respondentia"; "Charter Parties"; "Demurrage"; "Salvage"; "Seamen"; "Shipping."

The right to a lien.

No lien attaches upon a domestic vessel for work and labor done and performed on her except by 354 statute 334,

A lien arises under the general maritime law for necessary supplies properly furnished to a vessel 1243 on her credit in a foreign port.

A lien arises where the master is also one of the charterers, and consequently without authority to bind the owners, where he has no funds or credit ¹²⁴³ belonging to himself or the vessel

A maritime lien does not arise for repairs made in a foreign port by persons who lived in the same place with the owner, and dealt with him personally, keeping a running account with him. A maritime lien is not implied for necessary supplies furnished a vessel in a foreign port by the direction of a managing owner there present 477 superintending her affairs and ordering the supplies

The fact that tie material man gave credit to the vessel, where nothing was said between the parties as to the credit, and the owner supposed 477 that credit' was given to him, will not create a lien.

Priority and enforcement.

As to the priority and order of payment of maritime liens.

Page Claims for materials furnished in a foreign port take precedence of those for materials furnished 580 in the home port Liens founded upon the necessities of vessels in foreign ports take precedence of mortgages 580 recorded in the home port 453, A purchase-money mortgage, recorded under Re v. St. § 4192, takes precedence of liens, under the local law, for materials furnished in the home 580 port at the instance and request of the master or owners Claims were marshaled as follows: (1) Seamen suing for wages; (2) material men; (3) a consignee, for money advanced for towage, pilotage, light 1090 money, and port duties, each claim carrying its own costs The lien of the shipper of goods on freight against the vessel for loss or damage by the fault of the master or the insufficiency of the vessel 373 arises at the time that the misfortune happened, and his claim is preferred to that of general creditors of the owners Sureties for the claimants, who are compelled to pay a salvage decree, are not entitled to priority 894 over valid mortgages which antedated the salvage services. The person who, at the request of the owner of a vessel seized in a foreign port for supplies furnished, signs a stipulation for its release, and 940 subsequently pays the amount decreed against the vessel, is not subrogated to the lien discharged thereby The right to sue in admiralty to enforce a claim for supplies and repairs to a vessel is personal, and cannot be maintained for the benefit of an 541 assignee of a duebill or promissory note given to secure the claim.

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The objection that the vessel for which supplies or repairs are furnished is not one fitted for navigation on the high seas must be taken by answer.
On a libel for supplies, claimant has the burden to show that the credit was given to the owner, 5 and not to the vessel
Waiver: Discharge: Extinguishment. The right of preference over general creditors of the claim of a shipper for loss or injury of his 373 goods may be lost by unreasonable delay.
The lien of such shipper is not defeated by a bona fide sale before he has had an opportunity for enforcing it, especially where the purchaser has knowledge of his claim.
A delay to enforce a lien will avoid it only where it is unreasonable, operating to the prejudice of third persons, after opportunities have existed to enforce it.
A lien on a vessel, given by the general maritime law or by the local law, for materials used in her construction or repair, is not extinguished by the giving of a note to the material man
The lien is discharged where a note or other security is given which, by the law of the place, discharges the original contract, and the 541 jurisdiction in admiralty cannot be revived by a surrender of such note or security.
The taking of a duebill or promissory note in Maryland does not discharge the lien 541
The fact that the holder of an admiralty lien has recovered judgment for the amount of his claim in a court of law in a suit in personam does not constitute a bar to a proceeding in admiralty to antice such lien Liens under state laws.

Act Me. Feb. 19, 1839, giving a lien for labor and materials furnished under a "written or parol 354 includes agreement," all parol agreements, whether expressed or implied Such statute does not give a lien for services performed under a hiring at monthly wages for 354 any kind of labor required upon various vessels No lien arises under 2 Rev. St. N. Y. 405, § 2, for services and supplies furnished a domestic vessel in her home port, at the request of her 529 master and owner, to fit her out for a foreign voyage, and to be paid for on her return Liens created under state laws for repairs and supplies do not adhere after the vessel has left 1154 the jurisdiction of the state. Liens on domestic ships, given by a state statute in cases of contracts maritime in their nature, 683 may be enforced in the federal district courts in admiralty The lien given by the local law for supplies furnished a domestic vessel may be enforced in 869 the district courts in admiralty The lien given by Code Va. 1873, c. 147, § 5, for supplies furnished in a home port, is enforceable 195 by a libel in rem in admiralty, as such lien is predicated upon a credit given the vessel itself A lien given by the local law to a subcontractor for labor in building a vessel is valid and 67 enforceable in admiralty, though the owner is not personally liable therefor 65, The provision of a state statute that a lien given thereby shall not be enforced within 60 days is 683 inapplicable to a suit in admiralty to enforce such lien. When the district courts and state courts have a concurrent jurisdiction in rem, the right to 869 maintain the jurisdiction attaches to that tribunal

which first exercises it and obtains possession of the thing

A vessel in the hands of a sheriff under process of a state court to enforce a lien given by the local law for materials furnished is not subject 869 to seizure by the marshal on a libel in rem in admiralty to enforce a similar lien. Filing a claim in admiralty, stating the prior attachment by the state court process, and 869 claiming protection in regard thereto, held not a submission of the jurisdiction of the court A vessel seized by a sheriff on process by a state court to enforce a lien given by the local law is still subject to seizure on a libel in rem 784 in admiralty to enforce a lien given under the general maritime law

MARSHAL.

The marshal of the District of Columbia is not a county or corporation officer, and he cannot be required by the orphans' court of the county of 810 Alexandria to administer the estate of a deceased person.

The marshal is not entitled to poundage on the attachment of money on deposit in a bank, where 816 the same is not taken into his actual custody The person to whose use the suit is entered of record is not liable to the marshal for his 815 poundage on a ca. sa.

The marshal may recover his poundage from defendant, committed in execution, in an action 815 of assumpsit.

MASTER AND SERVANT.

The act of a servant must be done in the course of his employment to render the master liable 627 therefor.

MORTGAGES.

Page See, also, "Acknowledgment"; "Chattel Mortgages"; "Shipping." Whether an absolute deed may be considered a mortgage, and under what circumstances such 740 deed may become absolute as appears on its face A stipulation that on default of the payment of interest the principal shall become due, is not 1327 a penalty, and equity will not relieve the party therefrom In the case of conflict, the clause creating the lien 822 will control the description of lands. General terms of description are controlled by 32 subsequent particular terms. A mortgage to secure future advances will not secure advances made after actual notice of a 822 subsequent mortgage, in the absence of a binding contract to make such advances. The point that the mortgage is invalid as having been taken in violation of the national banking act, when not made in the pleadings, though 832 disclosed in the proof, will not be acted upon by the court. A receiver will not be appointed on foreclosure of a mortgage, where it is clear that the property 32 will bring enough to pay the debt, interest, and costs On a foreclosure of a mortgage of a portion of a road operating as a part of a larger line, where no separate accounts are kept, held, that the master 38 properly made a pro rata estimate of the earnings and expenses of the whole road. On foreclosure of a mortgage in default of payment of interest, under the usual interest clause, giving the mortgagee the option to 105 consider the whole amount due after such default, the decree will be granted for the full

sum, though the bill does not allege option by the mortgagee and notice.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

See. also, "Railroad Companies"; "Towns." Bonds issued by a municipal corporation, contrary to the restrictions of its charter, are binding in the hands of a bona fide holder for value, and the holders of bonds regularly issued cannot assail their validity or claim priority of payment

In an action by a bona fide holder on a municipal bond issued under authority of law, mere irregularity, or fraud or misconduct of the agents ¹¹⁵² of the municipality, cannot be set up as a defense Mere suspicion of title, or the knowledge of circumstances which would excite suspicion on the part of a prudent man, or gross negligence 1152 at the time of the transfer, will not defeat the purchaser's title as a bona fide holder The fact that overdue and unpaid coupons were

attached to the bond is not sufficient to put the 1152 purchaser on inquiry.

A tax levied and collected as required by law to pay interest on certain bonds cannot be diverted 269 to other purposes.

An injunction to restrain a city from receiving city script in payment of arrears of taxes levied to pay interest on certain bonds will be denied where it 269 appears that, unless such script is taken, the taxes cannot be collected at all.

Negotiable Instruments.

See, "Bills, Notes, and Checks."

NEUTRALITY LAWS.

The court of admiralty has no power to order restitution of a British ship, brought into oar 488 ports after seizure by French prisoners, who were 1382 being conveyed therein to England

NEW TRIAL.

Errors of the court in matters of law constitute a 1066 valid ground for a new trial A verdict will not be set aside as against the weight of evidence unless it appear that the jury 928 was palpably mistaken, or that the weight of evidence was decidedly against their verdict The knowledge and diligence of counsel are to be considered on the subject of new evidence, the 365 same as those of the party Affidavits of jurors are not admissible to show the mode of computation adopted by the jury to 1337 be contrary to the law and the evidence

NUISANCE.

Where there is a question whether a building will be a nuisance, its construction will not be 212 enjoined.

PARDON.

A pardon on condition of paying a fine and costs imposed with a sentence of imprisonment is wholly inoperative until such fine and costs are paid; and an application for discharge as a poor convict under Rev. St. § 1042, cannot be based thereon.

PARTIES.

Ten out of thirteen owners, having a majority of the shares in a ship, may bring a suit in the name of all the owners; but the suit will be stayed until the other owners are indemnified for costs The collector is not a proper party to a suit between rival claimants to the ownership of imported goods in his custody in a bonded 305 warehouse, where it is not alleged that ho is acting wrongfully or without authority of law Purchasers pendente lite are bound by the decree, though not brought in as parties to the 32 bill. The nonjoinder of proper respondents in an action in personam in admiralty can be taken 440 advantage of only by plea in abatement

PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership articles will be considered as binding after the expiration of the stipulated term where the business is carried on without any change in the circumstances

Under articles of copartnership stipulating that in case of the death of a partner, in order to prevent altercation with the heirs, etc., the shares of the profits and capital of the deceased shall be paid by the survivors, agreeably to the yearly statements of the company's affairs prior to his death, the entire interest in the partnership property passes to the survivor

One partner who pays a judgment against all the partners for a partnership debt cannot at law recover from the others their respective proportions

PATENTS.

Nature of the grant.

A state has no right to interfere with the enjoyment of a patent right, or to annex 961 conditions to the grant.

A state law requiring the filing of a copy of letters patent and a certain affidavit by the owner with the county clerk, as a condition of the right to sell 961 the patent right in the county, is unconstitutional and void

Patentability.

The patentee must in fact be the original and first 1097 inventor in the United States

Where the original inventor fails to take out a patent, and abandons the invention, no other 672 person can entitle himself to a patent, except

Page where the knowledge of the invention had been lost. Invention is not made until the person contriving or those observing discover how the thing can be 286 made available for a particular purpose Speculation must be reduced to practice, and not rest in uncertain experiments, to entitle an 910 inventor to a patent Where a patent is assailed upon the ground of want of novelty, the patentee may show, by sketches and drawings, the date of his inceptive 466 invention; and, where he has exercised reasonable diligence, the protection of the patent will be carried back to that date. The discovery of a law of nature or a geological truth, as that the seams or rifts in oil-bearing 880 rock would, if opened by a blast, yield oil, is not patentable A new device, though inferior to prior devices for the same purpose, is useful and patentable if 093 it be not frivolous nor injurious to public morals or to the well-being of society A novel process or mode of operation which amounts to a successful application of known 880 things to a practical use is patentable as an art No machine can be an anticipation which cannot be made to produce, without substantial 658 alteration of its construction, the same results as those of the patented machine A patent which introduces into an existing machine a new element not used before, which 658 produces a new and useful result, is not anticipated by such prior machine. A mere change of material, without the exercise 92 of mechanical skill, is not patentable The application and use of plaster of Paris to the 672 filling of fireproof safes is patentable

An elastic erasive pencil head, consisting simply of a piece of India rubber, with a hole in it to 1298 slip over the end of the pencil, is not patentable Protecting the treadle and pitman of a sewing machine from dust does not involve sufficient 1252 utility to sustain a patent

There is no invention in placing a box over a sewing machine when not in use, to protect it 1252 from dust

A composition of certain materials in certain proportions for use as a table beverage, called 1113 "Birch Beer," *held* patentable

A combination of a cabinet and sewing machine is not patentable where crude combinations of the shipping box and the machine have been ¹²⁵² made by manufacturers

A new combination of movable staples at the corners of a traveling bag frame, with a lock in the middle, is patentable as a fastening device, 1093 though each had been in use separately theretofore

A carriage step with a corrugated rubber surface is not anticipated by the use of rubber on shoe soles or stirrups, or corrugated iron for carriage steps.

Who may obtain a patent.

The patentee must be the first as well as an 435 original inventor.

The first inventor is he who has first perfected and adapted the invention to use 435, 466

In the case of two independent inventors, he who first reduces his invention to a fixed and positive

form is entitled to a priority of right to a patent ⁴³⁵ therefor

The inventor must have used reasonable diligence in perfecting and adapting an invention, 466

to be entitled to priority over the patent of an independent though subsequent inventor. He who invents first is entitled to the prior right if he is using reasonable diligence in adapting and perfecting the same, although the second inventor 435 has in fact first perfected the same, and first reduced it to practice in a positive form The person who embodies the principle, so as to make it available for practical use, is the one 286 entitled to a patent. Where the inventor of a machine and the inventor of an improvement agree to mutually use the same, the patent must issue in the name of 555 both: and, where issued in the name of one only, there can be no recovery for infringement Caveat. A paper adjudged by a commission appointed by the commissioner of patents to be fraudulent, and 950

to have been surreptitiously introduced into the file of a caveat, *held* to form no part thereof **Prior public use or sale.**

A use or sale which has not exceeded two years before the application for a patent will not 1157 invalidate it

The use and sale by an inventor of a machine embodying the substance of his invention more than two years before filing his application bars ¹³¹² his right to a patent.

Prior description or foreign patent.

To anticipate an invention by a prior publication, there must be a description of the alleged invention contained in a work of a public character, and intended for the public, which 466 is made accessible to the public by publication before the discovery of the invention by the patentee.

The fact of publication of a manufacturer's catalogue must be proved by evidence 466 independent of the imprint. A patent is rendered invalid by a prior published description only where that description was 880 sufficient to give to the public a practical knowledge of the invention claimed. An illustration by drawing, unaccompanied with verbal description, is not such a prior description 466 as will defeat a patent A device known and used in foreign countries, but not patented there, nor described in a printed 1093 publication, is patentable in the United States by a person without notice thereof. Abandonment: Laches. A patent will be *held* invalid where there was unreasonable delay in making application, after 286 another inventor had made public the invention. An invention may be abandoned after the patent has issued; and an abandonment may be inferred 286 from the neglect to utilize the same, or to assert claims against others who are using it A delay of five years after the application is rejected before a renewal is made, where no 332 excuse is given, is an abandonment An abandonment cannot be predicated upon, a delay caused by the commissioner in refusing a 672 patent, where the application is renewed for the same invention. Where the applications were not for the same invention, and the invention was in public use 672 for more than two years before the second application, the patent is void An abandonment or dedication once made cannot 286 be recalled Appeals from commissioner's decision.

An appeal will not lie from a decision of the commissioner refusing to declare a new interference, and grant a rehearing, after the 1262 unsuccessful party has allowed the time for appeal to expire.

A witness testifying to conversations and declarations describing a device of which the party had already constructed a specimen cannot be allowed to testify that a model shown him corresponds to the description given, and could have been made therefrom

The extent of the examination under oath of the commissioner and examiners in explanation of the principles of a machine or other thing for 710 which a patent is prayed for, under Act March 3, 1839, § 11.

Validity.

A patent may contain a claim for a combination, and the invention or improvement of one or more 1157 parts of which the combination consists A patent issued to two for a thing which is the 286 sole invention of one is invalid Where the claims are definitely distinguished, the fact that some of them are void for want of 1348 novelty will not prevent a suit for infringement upon the valid claims Discovery and actual use prior to the discovery by the patentee, however limited the use or 672 knowledge of the discovery, will in. Illustrative drawings of conceived ideas, not followed up by a seasonable observance of the requirements of the patent laws, can have no 466 effect upon a subsequently granted patent to another.

Extent of claim.

A claim referring to the specification must be sonstrued in connection therewith

The specification must be considered in 286 construing the claims of the patent The patentee will be concluded by the statement in his claim, uncontrolled by the specifications 670 where it is clear and explicit, leaving no room for construction The words "constructed substantially as above described" held to refer to the method of 1126 manufacture The claim of an arrangement of a combination, when such as to produce a given mechanical 536 result of the combination, is a claim to the result, irrespective of such means Construction of claim: "The above described method increasing the productiveness of oil wells 880 by causing an explosion of gunpowder, or its equivalent, substantially as above described" Patents for improvements in gold pens *held* could not be extended beyond the particular shape, 303 form, or mode of construction claimed Reissue: Disclaimer. The presumption of law is always in favor of the validity of the reissue, and the burden of 513 proving that it is for an invention different from the original is upon the party alleging it The introduction of a comma into the specification of a reissue in a sentence found in the original specifications, and alleged to be an 950 interpolation and to introduce a new idea, *held* to be accidental and a clerical error. An unreasonable neglect or delay to enter a disclaimer at the patent office, where the 435 disclaimer has been filed, either before or after suit brought, is a good defense to suit for infringement.

Page Plaintiff in a suit for infringement is not entitled to costs where he failed to file the disclaimer 435 before suit brought Duration. An extension of a prior foreign patent will not keep alive a subsequent domestic patent, but it 514 will expire at the same time with the original term of the foreign patent Assignment. The right of property in an invention before 317 application for a patent is subject to sale A grant of an exclusive right to construct, use, and vend a certain number of patented machines within a certain territory, with exclusive use of 843 the patent within the territory limited to said machines, conveys the entire interest in the patent for such territory. An assignment of all the assignee's interest in an invention, except territorial rights reserved to another, "to the full end of the term for 1317 which said letters patent are or may be granted," conveys the right to an extension Infringement: What constitutes. It is not necessary that the thing patented should be adopted in every particular to constitute an 1157 infringement; a substantial adoption is sufficient. A patent of a machine as an aggregate is infringed by a machine which omits immaterial parts, or 670 uses fewer of the original old elements, or substitutes equivalents A patent for a combination of old devices is not 891 infringed by the use of a part only Where two machines produce substantially a similar result by substantially similar means, no proof of difference between them lies in the fact 891 that one is less effectual in operation, or more imperfect in its structure, than the other

Page Where a patented combination turns out to be useless, a person who adds another element, and 944 thereby makes the whole practically useful, is entitled to use the whole combination The addition of a well-known device will not give defendant the right to use the patented 944 combination where some addition is necessary to fit it for use A composition of which plaster of Paris is an ingredient, used for the filling of fireproof safes, 672 *held* not an infringement of a patent for the use of plaster of Paris The manufacture and sale of a part of a patented invention, designed to be used by the purchasers 723 for the express use to which it is put by the patentee, is an infringement. The sale by defendant of the constituents of complainant's patent, with the intent and further 1342 purpose of enabling the buyer to turn them into the patented compound, is an infringement. -Who liable. A corporation is liable where the infringing machines are procured by it, and are used by 286 persons employed or paid by it. -Remedy generally. Patentees everywhere have the same rights and remedies, and a state statute of limitations cannot 681 be pleaded in bar to an action for infringement 357; contra, -Preliminary injunction. Where the validity of the patent has been fully sustained in prior cases, the court will not hear 944 evidence except on the question of infringement Facts showing the invalidity of the patent set up in defendant's uncorroborated affidavit are no 1044 ground of denying the writ, where defendant had

remained silent in regard thereto in a preliminary suit in which he took an active interest. Terms imposed and an affidavit required on granting an injunction to restrain defendant from 1107 making and vending the patented machine That a person who has infringed by manufacturing the patented article has desisted, 1355 and has no intention of again making it, is no ground for not enjoining him The fact that only 20 days remain of the life of the patent is no ground for withholding 1355 injunctions, where the patent had only just been finally sustained, and had been much litigated. -Procedure. An action for infringement may be maintained by one to whom the entire property in the invention 317 was assigned before the issuing of letters patent The equitable title of an assignee to a subsequent extended term granted to the patentee is 1317 sufficient to enable him to maintain a suit for infringement. In an action against two defendants, plaintiff may recover damages against one, although the other 555 be acquitted In a bill in equity, after alleging the infringement of a valid patent, it is surplusage, and not 1093 multifariousness, to aver the infringement of a void reissue thereof Defendant cannot plead the general issue with notice of special matter of defense, and also, in a 357 special plea, set up the same matter in bar. A plea merely that the thing claimed to have been invented was in use and for sale before the 1157 application for the patent is demurrable The absence of proper notice of the defense of want of novelty in the answer will render 879 evidence thereof inadmissible, though the answer
is subsequently amended by setting up such defense in due form. The absence of notice in the answer of evidence of want of novelty is waived where the testimony 1097 of witnesses is received without objection. Where defendants admit the infringement, setting forth the number of articles made and sold, and rest their defense on a claim of ownership of the patent, they will not be granted 1319 leave to amend to contest the infringement, after a rehearing has been denied and an accounting had Priority of invention between two patents, upon both of which the suit is brought, is not material, unless defendant shows that a third person 723 claims to have made the invention between the date of the two patents The construction of the claims of a patent is for the court, except in the case of technical terms 286 which need explanation by evidence The question whether plaintiff was the first inventor of the thing for which he obtained a 555 patent is one for the jury The question whether the patentee has made a full disclosure of his invention in his 555 specifications is one of fact for the jury. -Evidence. The patent is prima facie evidence of novelty and utility, and that the patenteewas the first inventor. 658 92, The effect of the patent is prima facie evidence of novelty and utility is overcome by proof that 1136 it includes matters which the patentee did not invent. The testimony of a witness that he made and peddled the patented article six months before 803 the date of plaintiff's application *held* sufficient

to overcome the prima facie evidence of the patent that plaintiff was the first inventor On the question of the validity of a reissue, the patent-office model, filed with the riginal 513 application, is admissible to aid in determining 1385 what was described therein,

-Injunction and its violation.

An injunction will, as a matter of course, follow a decree in favor of complainant on the merits, unless defendant show that it should in equity he withheld until after the account has been taken Where the violation was not willful, defendant was directed to pay to plaintiff the profits and damages on account of the violation and the costs of the contempt proceedings

-Decree, and its effect.

The decision of a co-ordinate court on an interlocutory decree will be followed, in the absence of new or additional or contradictory 1342 evidence, which impels the court in a second hearing to a different result In such case a full decree will be rendered, which will also reveal the distinct ground on which the1342. court refused to look into the question A decision by the supreme court on the validity of a patent will be *held* binding on the circuit 718 court, though the parties are not the same —Accounting: Damages. Upon an accounting before a master, the extent

of the monopoly and the infringement must first be ascertained to establish the basis of profits or damages

The damages are to be measured by the profits the patentee could have made on the sale of his 658 invention

Page A patentee is entitled to such damages as he can show have actually been sustained by the use of 286 his invention without his license and consent The difficulty of furnishing proof of damages, either by showing profits made by defendants or the value of infringing articles sold, does not 1136 authorize any presumption whereby the recovery may be enhanced beyond the damages actually shown by the testimony It is no excuse for failure to mark the patented articles "Patented" that such marking would have 88 been so expensive as to make the articles unprofitable Where the patented articles were not stamped with the word "Patented," *held*, that complainant 88 was entitled to profits only from the date of the decree Various particular inventions and patents. Barrels. No. 136,763, for improvement in head 451 linings, *held* invalid for want of novelty Blowers. Patent to Boots of July 27, 1869, for improvement in a rotary blower case, *held* valid 1168 and infringed. Beverages. Nos. 193,038 and 198,467, for improvement, consisting in a compound called 1113 "birch beer," *held* valid Bottles. No. 23,263 (reissued No. 1,606), for "improved bottle-stopper fastener," *held* valid, 90 but not infringed 77, Columns. No. 35,582, for an improvement in the construction of columns, shafts, braces, etc., 466 construed, *held* valid, and infringed. Driven wells. No. 49,129 (reissued No. 6,337) and No. 130,871, for improvement in well tubes 1264 or drills, *held* valid and infringed.

Firearms. No. 16,797 (reissued No. 3,798), for improvement in breech-loading firearms, held 536 valid and infringed 534, Firearms. No. 22,094 (reissued No. 3,946), for improvement, construed, and *held* valid and 928 infringed Fire engines. No. 1,980, for improvement, 286 construed in a charge to the jury Hand stamps. No. 18,249 (reissued No. 4.675), 950 for improvement, held valid and infringed 943, Journals. No. 1,252, for improvement in boxes or bearings for journals or axles, construed in a 936 charge to a jury. Lead pencils. No. 36,854 (reissued No. 3,863), for combination of the lead and an India-rubber 389 eraser in the same sheath, construed, limited; and *held* not infringed Oil wells. No. 59,936 (reissued No. 6,258), for improvement in method of increasing capacity, 911 held valid and infringed 880, Paper. No. 94,843, for an improved paper-pulp 1191 engine, *held* valid and infringed Phosphoric acid. No. 14,722 (reissued No. 2,979), for an improvement in preparing phosphoric acid as a substitute for other solid 1348 acids, *held* void as to certain claims, and valid and infringed as to others 1342, Plows. Prouty's patent for an improvement 11 construed, and *held* not infringed. Printing presses. Priority awarded for a device for stopping the impression without stopping the 1331 machine Refrigerators. No. 13,803 (reissued No. 455), for improvement, *held* invalid for want of novelty 891 879, 912; contra,

Register. No. 76,646, for a conductor's register of fares and tickets, construed, and held not 185 infringed. Register. Reissue No. 6,929, for improved fare 185 register, *held* valid and infringed Register. Reissue No. 7,120, for an improved fare 185 register, construed, and *held* not infringed Syringes. No. 28,196, for improvement in enema 720 syringes, held invalid 718, Torpedo. No. 47,458, for improvement in 910 explosive torpedoes in artesian wells, *held* valid Traveling bag. Nos. 56,801 and 83,212, for improvements, *held* valid and infringed. 1083; 1097 contra, Water wheels. No. 2,708, for improvement, held 670 valid, but not infringed Wire staple. Reissue No. 2,183 (original No. 19,747), for improvement in wire staples adapted for use in making window blinds or screens, *held* 1126 valid and infringed.

PAYMENT.

The taking of a negotiable note for a preexisting debt is treated prima facie as a conditional 826 payment only, and it will not extinguish the debt unless so intended by the party.

An indorsed note taken for an account, where it bears a higher rate of interest, and the account is 826 receipted as paid in full by the note, extinguishes the debt

A bill of exchange remitted to a creditor in payment of a debt will be considered as payment, 890 where the amount of the bill is lost by the negligence of the creditor

The fact that a note was given and received in payment of an account may be shown by 801 circumstances

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An agreement for payment of wages in pounds *held* to mean pounds sterling, and not the currency of the locality, which was greatly depreciated

Where the payment of the principal is accepted, a separate suit will not lie for the interest, though the right thereto was expressly reserved in the receipt given

Penalties.

See "Contracts."

PILOTS.

The claim to half fees given by a state law for a tender and refusal of services creates no lien on 872 the vessel.

PLEADING AT LAW.

A declaration against two of three obligors is defective which does not aver that all three have failed to pay the debt

An action brought in the name of "Raw-lings & Son" *held* too uncertain as a description of 630 plaintiffs.

Nil debet is not a good plea to an action brought in the federal court in one state on a judgment 452 obtained in the federal court of another state

A plea of the pendency of a former suit in another court must offer to produce the record of 758 such suit

The record of a former judgment between the same parties upon the same cause of action may be given in evidence under a plea of nonassumpsit

The declaration alleged an authority to draw, but not in writing, for 100,000 francs. The proof was a letter authorizing blank francs to be drawn for. *Held*, that this was no variance

PLEADING IN ADMIRALTY.

Matter of abatement may be set up in the answer, but the answer in such case must demand the 440 same judgment as a plea Exceptions to a pleading in admiralty have the effect of a demurrer, and also that of a motion to 143 make the pleading more definite and certain Where no exceptions are taken to an answer which is not as full and explicit and distinct as required by rule 27. the reading of testimony 1067 cannot be objected to on the ground of its

insufficiency

Evidence outside the allegations made by either parry cannot be regarded in support of his charge 646 or defense

PLEADING IN EQUITY.

A bill in equity filed without being signed by the plaintiff or his counsel will be stricken from the 850 files

The writings mentioned in a bill, or copies of them, need not be filed as exhibits with the bill Where more than one point of defense is relied on, such points should be stated by way of 512 answer, and not of plea

An answer by a defendant beyond sea will be taken and sworn to by a commission under a 353 dedimus issued by the court.

An answer to a cross bill filed by a person not named in the bill nor admitted as a defendant 79 will be stricken from the files.

Where respondent has no personal knowledge of matter alleged in the bill, a denial upon information and belief is sufficient to put 1027 complainant to his proof.

In an action against persons to enforce a conveyance of certain trust estates and for an 1238 account, defendants must answer all

Page interrogatories in relation to the title to the estate and their dealings therewith The answer is not evidence in defendant's favor unless it be an answer to a fact averred in the 985 bill, and not an answer to a mere inference of law The answer is not evidence to support new facts set up by way of discharge or avoidance, or 996 defense, not responsive, to the bill 235, The separate answer of one defendant is not 985 evidence for another A cross bill cannot introduce new parties or new and distinct matters, or differ in purpose from the 262 original bill The decree cannot be founded on proof of 996 matters not alleged. Where a replication is put in to a plea, the parties proceed to the examination of witnesses in the 513 same way as in case of a replication to an answer An amendment will not be allowed by introducing a new party to the bill whose interest 1237 was known to the original plaintiffs or their agent when the bill was filed. (Equity Rule 29.). Equity will allow a bill of foreclosure, brought on an executed contract on the hypothesis that 228it was valid as a mortgage, to be converted, by amendment, into a bill for specific performance. The court may allow a replication to be filed nune pro tune, where reasonable excuse for delay 1045 is given, and defendant is not prejudiced. The pendency of negotiations for a settlement after the filing of the answer is a sufficient excuse 1045 for delay.

The sureties on a postmaster's bond are discharged by two years' delay to bring suit after 1084 a default in not paying the quarterly balances found due by the auditor.

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PRACTICE AT LAW.

After demurrer to a plea of set-off has been 1006 overruled, plaintiff should have leave to reply If a cause be non pros'd and not reinstated at the same term, it cannot be reinstated at a 776 subsequent term, but is discontinued The condition of payment of costs on vacating a judgment *held* to have been waived, where no demand for payment was made, and proceedings were taken as if the judgment was vacated A writ of inquiry cannot be executed at the same term at which judgment is rendered

PRACTICE IN ADMIRALTY.

Courts of admiralty, in their practice and modes of proceedings, are even more free from technical 738 rules than courts of equity

The omission of the summons to the master of the vessel to show cause, etc., is an error of practice which may be waived by claimant by delay in taking advantage of it.

The defect of beginning a former proceeding in admiralty by warrant of arrest against the vessel, instead of summons, is waived by the 439 concurrence of the other party in new proceedings on the same cause of action.

Where, in a suit in personam, a respondent cannot be arrested, a foreign attachment may issue against his property in the hands of a third person to compel his appearance

The suit is one in rem, where property in the hands of a third person is arrested on a claim to 440 a specific lien upon it

Property purchased bona fide by the holder of it is not subject to a foreign attachment 440

Where property had been acquired by agents with full notice of libelant's claim, and on its 440 arrest they intervened by stipulation and answer,

held, that the suit might be treated as one in personam against them The court may permit a stipulation to be given to satisfy the decree, reserving to the stipulator the right to deny the legality of the custody claimed 1219 by the marshal, and, if successful in such denial, to ask to be relieved therefrom A stipulation directed to be taken in double the 1219 amount of the demand will not be construed as a stipulation simply for costs By the discharge on bond of a vessel seized, she becomes free, and all anterior liens stand good 894 against her, as before her seizure Where petitioner, without order of the court, has obtained possession of property from the marshal, who had seized the same on process 1217 in rem, the court will not order the marshal to deliver up possession The legality or propriety of an order of reference cannot be impeached upon exception to the 636 report The surplus proceeds on the sale of a vessel in the registry of the court are subject to all claims 529 against the vessel. In marshaling the proceeds of a vessel for distribution, a mortgage debt will be entitled, 529 after satisfaction of privileged and lien debts, to payment, as against the owner PRACTICE IN EQUITY. An order dismissing complainant's bill for want of a replication is of course, and may be entered 1046 in the clerk's office without any application to or action by the judge A motion to set aside such dismissal, made

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nearly five years after the entry of the order of 1046 dismissal, without offering any excuse for the delay, will be denied.

Notice of a motion to dissolve an injunction, given on the first day of the term, is notice of a 213 motion to be made at the next term. Leave to file a supplemental answer setting up a judgment in bar was granted after the same had become final by affirmance on appeal, on renewal of a former motion to set up the same judgment 1046 by way of amended answer which had been denied because of the pendency of an appeal therefrom Where more than one point of defense is stated by way of plea, the court will allow defendant either to set down the pleas as an answer, or will 512 put him to his election as to which of the pleas he will abide by In the case of an answer directed to be taken and sworn to in China, on objection to an answer 353 previously filed, only one set of exceptions was allowed Plaintiff is not entitled to the production of a book which his bill does not in any way call for 856 or show to be material. Plaintiff may require the production, for his inspection and use in the suit, of documents in defendant's possession referred to in the answer; 856 without being set forth in full, and material to his case But plaintiff is not entitled to the production of papers to which no allusion is made in the 856 answer, though referred to in the bill. Plaintiffs remedy is to except to the answer Where the answer sets forth extracts from defendant's books, with the averment that they embrace everything in the books that relates to 856 the subject-matter of the suit, plaintiff cannot, on a suggestion that such extracts are garbled or liable to suspicion, entitle himself to a general

inspection of the books of defendant relating to other matters Plaintiff is entitled to the production for inspection of the books referred to, but defendant may seal up the parts not relating to the subject-856 matter of the suit, and the inspection must take place under the supervision of an officer of the court The court has power to modify or vacate a final decree until after the expiration of the term at 472 which it was entered Previous to entering the final decree the cause remains under the control of the court; any 472 interlocutory decree is subject to examination and modification 38, A decree in a patent case, making the injunction prayed for perpetual, with a reference to a master 472 for an account of profits, is not a final decree The proper practice to obtain a rehearing before final decree is by petition to the court for leave 472 to file a supplemental bill setting forth the newlydiscovered evidence. The petitioners must show due diligence to discover and obtain the new evidence at the 472 original hearing, and that it is material to the issue. A bill of review will lie for errors in law or on the ground of newly-discovered evidence. On the 1242 former ground, the bill is filed without leave; but on the latter ground, leave must be obtained Principal and Agent. See "Factors and Brokers"; "Master and Servant." PRINCIPAL AND SURETY. See, also, "Bail." Where the principal is insolvent, the sureties, in respect to their liability, are regarded in equity 615 as creditors, and may retain any funds of the

principal in their hands, even against an assignee for value, without notice.

In the case of a mortgage given to secure the payment of five notes, two for the principal of the debt, one for the interest, and two as compensation to the mortgagee for indorsing the first three, *held*, that the holder of the first three notes was entitled to have the proceeds of the mortgaged property first applied to the payment of such notes

To debt on the bond of a paymaster in the navy, a plea of laches on the part of the government in its dealings with the paymaster, and that defendant had revoked the bond, is bad

The limitation of suits for penalties or forfeitures provided by Rev. St. § 1047, does not apply to 337 the penal sum named in a bond.

PRIZE.

Jurisdiction.

The court may entertain and perfect its jurisdiction over property captured on board a vessel, without having the vessel itself brought 2 within its cognizance

A foreign prize court which has once acquired jurisdiction over the corpus does not lose it because the same is taken into another 1179 jurisdiction by a purchase from the captors. (Reversing 1184.)

A foreign decree of condemnation as prize *held* not examinable in our courts, although on its face appearing to have been founded upon an ordinance passed subsequent to the commission 1171 of the act for which the vessel and cargo were condemned. (Reversing 1187.)

Grounds of condemnation.

Only those who are ignorant of the blockade under the proclamation of April 19, 1861, are 574

entitled to the warning and indorsement mentioned therein. A vessel seized as prize and released on bonds is subject to capture and condemnation for a 827 subsequent violation of the blockade on the same voyage Thirteen years' residence in the enemy's country 1107 of a citizen of another countrys *held* to subject him to the disabilities of an enemy A citizen of the United States, after he has full knowledge of the war, has not a right, without the permission of the government, to withdraw 297 his property, acquired before the war, from the enemy's country If a vessel be sent from the United States, after knowledge of war, to the enemy's country, to 297 withdraw such property, the vessel and the cargo are confiscated jure belli. The property of citizens taken trading with the 297 enemy is considered as quasi enemy's property During war, all trade with the enemy, unless by permission of the sovereign, is interdicted, 297 and subjects the property engaged therein to confiscation. Neither a consul nor the commander of an American vessel of war has authority, by virtue of his official station, to grant any license or permit 1107 which could have the legal effect of exempting the vessel of an enemy from capture and confiscation. Procedure. Prize proceedings should be taken in the name of the government and not in the names of the individual captors, unless the government gives 2

express authority to the captors to sue in their

own names

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Where the proceeds of prizes have been brought
into court, the parties entitled to distributive 2
shares therein may file their libel in their
individual names.
The libel need not specifically set forth the grounds on which condemnation is sought. 574
On a monition to proceed to adjudication, the 1277
onus probandi rests on the claimant.
The rule requiring evidence obtained directly
from documents or witnesses found on board of a 2
vessel at the time of her seizure is not imperative.
Papers in a prize court of another country are
inadmissible to show that there was no cause for 1277
capture, unless the whole papers are produced.
Persistent misrepresentation by the claimant of
the character and destination of the voyage of 574
the captured vessel is sufficient cause for
condemnation of vessel and cargo Vessel and cargo condemned on false and
simulated papers as to destination, and for an 869
attempt to violate the blockade. 573,
Vessel and cargo condemned as enemy property. 508
Vessel and cargo condemned for a violation of 210
the blockade 210
Vessel and cargo condemned as enemy property 509
and for a violation of the blockade
Cargo condemned for breach of blockade and for 689
being contraband of war.
Rights and liabilities of captors.
Captors are entitled to property captured in a trade from an enemy's port, though it was
previously forfeited to the United States by a
breach of the nonimportation act of 1809
The purchasers from captors acquire an inchoate
right to the property, which is made perfect by its 1179
subsequent condemnation

An armed vessel in sight will be allowed a share of the prize in proportion to her men and guns only when she was in a possible condition to join in the battle Vessels five miles distant *held* not entitled to a share in the prize, as within signal distance The captors are exonerated from all losses and

damages sustained by reason of the capture, 1277 where there was probable cause therefor

PUBLIC LANDS.

Lands included within the limits of an incorporated town are not subject to entry under 1160 the pre-emption law of September 4, 1841 The extent of land which may be included within a city is not limited by Act May 23, 1844 The provision in such act excepting lands preempted by the corporate authorities from the operation of the pre-emption act was intended to 1160 secure to the government the enhanced value of lands in and adjoining a town

A person who never has asserted any preemption rights to land, but has asserted other rights in contradiction thereof, cannot be deemed to have intended to claim such rights Persons will not be protected as bona fide purchasers (1) who purchased before the patent of the government issued; (2) when the defect in the title arises out of a rule of law, of which they are bound to take notice; (3) where the title acquired is absolutely void

A party who is not himself injured thereby cannot defeat the title of the purchaser at a sale by auction of public land, by showing a combination to prevent competition in bidding Inaccuracies will not vitiate surveys made of wild lands infested with hostile Indians and at great 1135 hazard.

Under the laws of Virginia, the certificate of registry of a patent, which is required to be given, 842 is not necessary to the title to lands under it.

RAILROAD COMPANIES.

On the consolidation of two companies, a stockholder in one of the old companies becomes a stockholder in the new, and he cannot bring a 772 bill upon the theory that he is a stockholder in the old company

Noncompliance with an agreement as to the use of the proceeds of municipal aid bonds will not affect the rights of a holder, where the bonds 1077 were regularly executed

The fact that the bonds were given in exchange for a single bond first issued in payment of the whole subscription is not a valid objection ¹⁰⁷⁷ thereto.

An illegal subscription to stock may be ratified under a subsequent statute authorizing the 79 ratification

A bill alleging such subscription should aver the ratification, but an omission is cured by the answer putting the question of ratification in issue

Under a general power to mortgage, the railroad company may mortgage any part 32

Authority to a railroad company to mortgage its "road, income, and other property," does not 32 authorize a mortgage of its franchises.

A mortgage of "all the present and future to be acquired property of the company, including the right of way and land occupied, and all rails 32 and other materials used therein or procured therefor," includes the rolling stock

A mortgage of a branch line, under a special act providing that it shall be a first lien thereon, takes 264

Page precedence of a prior mortgage of the railroad, as then "made or to be made.". Under a mortgage providing that the future earnings and profits shall be held in equity by 38 the mortgagee, the mortgagor, receiving such 1389 earnings, etc., will be deemed to hold the same in trust. In the case of a mortgage on a railroad running through several states, a federal court of one state 264 may decree foreclosure and direct a sale of the entire road. Where trustees under a mortgage, of whom it is alleged in the bill for a foreclosure that they had refused to realize on the security, apply to come 692 in, and have been admitted as complainants in the bill, they must control the proceedings. Where a subsequent mortgagee is made a party to a foreclosure suit, the bill will be dismissed as 692 to him, where it appears that his being made a party hinders and delays the suit Where the security is inadequate, a receiver will 1327 be appointed A receiver will be appointed where the tolls and income pledged as security are being applied to 1327 other uses Eight per cent, held too low rent for the use of rolling stock, where the owner bears all the loss 38 and deterioration. REAL PROPERTY. "Adverse Possession"; "Boundaries", also. See. "Ejectment"; "Estates"; "Grant"; "Public "Deed"; Lands." One who purchased from a person acting under an informal power, who sold the lands in his own name, having no claim to them, cannot claim 620

compensation for his improvements under the occupying claimant law

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RECEIVERS.

See, also, "Mortgages"; "Railroad Companies." The appointment of a receiver of an insolvent company cannot be dictated by the secured 692 creditors

REFERENCE.

An order of reference may be entered nunc pro tunc, where a trial is duly had before a referee under a stipulation, and the parties have omitted to enter the order.

A reference by consent of an action at law in the federal circuit court is lawful, and after a trial 1036 before the referee the court may grant a new trial.

REMOVAL OF CAUSES.

Right of removal.

Where it appears that the amount demanded, with interest thereon, exceeds the sum of \$500, exclusive of costs, the case is a proper one for removal

The right of removal depends upon the facts as they exist when the suit is commenced. 900

The citizenship requisite for a removal under Act 1875 must have existed at the time of the 320 commencement of the suit in the state court.

An agreement of a foreign insurance company, filed with a state officer, waiving the right to remove causes against it to the federal courts, is absolutely void.

Proceedings to obtain.

An affidavit stating that defendant has a defense arising under the constitution and laws of the United States, in the words of the act, is sufficient

The addition of an averment specifying a defense which will not give jurisdiction will be rejected 397 as surplusage

Effect of removal: Subsequent proceedings.

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The jurisdiction of the federal court, once attached, cannot he divested by a reduction by the declaration filed in such court of the amount of the claim below the jurisdictional amount

REPLEVIN.

Several counts cannot be joined in the cognizance 1254 In an action upon a replevin bond, defendant may show, in mitigation of damages, title to the property in plaintiff in replevin, and such evidence may be rebutted by showing that the deed under which title was claimed was fraudulent and void

A judgment for defendant in replevin, without a declaration, is irregular, and will, on motion, be 815 set aside, even at a subsequent term

A judgment for the return of the goods replevied, and for the rent in arrear for which they were distrained, corrected on motion by striking out the portion calling for a return of the goods

SALE.

See, also, "Frauds, Statute of"; "Specific Performance"; "Vendor and Purchaser."

Conditional sales of personal property are valid in Missouri, and need not be recorded 1134 To constitute a bona fide purchaser for value, he must have been without notice, and have paid a consideration at the time of the transfer, either in 835 money or in other property, or by a surrender of existing debts or securities

A person who purchases property with notice of the wrongful possession of his vendor holds it subject to all remedies that could be enforced against it in the hands of such vendor The place of delivery of wheat purchased by a commission merchant for his principal will be presumed to be the place where the commission merchant does business. A representation made in the course of a negotiation does not amount to a warranty, where not contained in the contract, as afterwards reduced to writing Letters written before the making of the contract, and not referred to therein, are inadmissible to prove a warranty, where the contract is complete in itself

SALVAGE.

Jurisdiction.

A salvage suit will not he stayed pending an action of replevin for the salved property in a court of law, in which the validity of the salvor's lien may be determined.

Right to salvage compensation.

Salvage services are not limited to a vessel or cargo, but extend to any valuable property in 171 peril, saved on navigable waters

Rescuing a raft of timber found adrift in a harbor, and floating out to sea unaccompanied by any 173 person, is a salvage service

The clothing of the master and crew, left aboard on abandonment of the vessel, will be restored 828 free of charge.

The officers and crew of a foreign vessel of war are entitled to salvage, the same as in the case of 1060 other vessels

Seamen, after a wreck, may recover from the materials and cargo, in relation to their respective 902 values, wages for the time spent in saving them. Seamen who contract for a share of the freight, or of the proceeds of the voyage, cannot, in case of wreck, claim compensation for salvage services, or more than day wages for the time actually employed in saving the wreck

The pilot tug at the mouth of the Columbia river (Act Or. Oct. 28, 1868) is entitled to salvage

compensation for towing a vessel on her pilot ground only where she incurs extraordinary risk to tow the vessel, or to rescue it from impending peril.

A tug which takes the master and crew off of a ship aground, and carries them to port, is not entitled to salvage where the vessel is subsequently saved by other tugs

Persons who interfere unnecessarily with wrecked property, which is being saved under a contract between the owners thereof and a third 120 party, cannot claim as salvors, although they bring the property into port

Forfeiture or reduction of salvage.

A licensed wrecker, who proceeds in opposition the master's protest, is liable, in to an 921 extraordinary degree, forfeiture of all to compensation for anything short of final success The master of wrecking а vessel. bv countenancing a wrongful injury to a wrecked 921 vessel by one of his crew, and by falsely denying knowledge thereof, forfeits all right to salvage. Embezzlement by a salvor works a forfeiture of his claim of salvage, but does not prejudice his 828 cosalvors, or the innocent owners of the salvor ship

All salvors present when one of their number is guilty of willful wrong to the property are liable to forfeiture of their compensation, if the wrongdoer cannot be discovered

A salvor, by his failure to bring in and report salved property, though it be of little value, and abandoned as worthless, forfeits all right to salvage, as against other property saved by him Salvors, by wrongfully burning a wrecked vessel, forfeit salvage on the cargo saved by them 921

Page When the compensation of certain salvors has been forfeited for misconduct, the court has 921 discretion to determine what interest shall be benefited thereby The forfeited shares of salvors do not accrue to their cosalvors, but go to the owners of the salved 828 property Amount. Licensed wreckers are entitled to greater compensation, and are charged with a higher 921 degree of care and skill, than other salvors Saving a cargo in midwinter by diving in the hold of the vessel, on an exposed reef, far from land, 921 is a salvage service of great merit. Amount of salvage compensation, and its distribution among the salvors, in case of timber 173 found adrift, and rescued The rule to allow a moiety in a case of derelict is 1281 a flexible rule, yielding to circumstances 828, In the case of a derelict vessel navigated into port after three days of great exertion and imminent danger, a decree of the district court allowing the 1281 salvors one-seventh of the net value, of \$21,000, was reversed, and a decree awarded for a moiety One-half allowed on cargo amounting to 87.500 876 saved from vessel wrecked on Pelican shoals \$4,000 awarded a vessel worth, with cargo, \$275,000, for towing into New York Harbor disabled steamer, out of the track of commerce, 384 worth, with cargo, \$70,000, where one day's time was lost. \$30,000 allowed two tugs for towing from the False Hook, into New York Harbor, a vessel 70 worth, with cargo and freight. \$230,000, where the services lasted about 20 hours.

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\$20,540 awarded on a net value of \$130,000 in the case of a vessel aground five miles west of 1076 Sombero light.

Remedies for recovery.

The master and owners of the salvor vessel have general charge of a claim for salvage, and, where they present a bill for salvage service, it will be construed as covering the service of the crew, and they cannot maintain a libel for salvage against the vessel and cargo

Apportionment.

Each separate article of the cargo saved should bear its own expense of saving, landing, and 902 storing.

The master and owners of a licensed pilot tug, who receive compensation for salvage services, 1100 are accountable to the crew for their shares They are estopped to deny that the service was a salvage one where they receipt for the amount paid as extra compensation for extraordinary services and risk

On an award of \$30.000 the masters of two tugs were each allowed \$3,000.

Right to property or proceeds.

The owners of the cargo were allowed interest on the proceeds after deducting salvage from the date of a wrongful sale by the master to the claimants.

SEAL.

A seal impressed on paper is equivalent to sealing with wax

SEAMEN.

See, also, "Admiralty"; "Maritime Liens"; "Salvage." Protection and relief.

The laws of the United States follow seamen engaged on its vessels until the voyage is 932 completed, whether in a foreign country or here

Page The contract of shipment. Agreements for a share of the profits as wages do 440 not make the seamen partners An agreement by seamen not to claim wages unless the ship returns home and delivers her 522 cargo is void. The contract expressed in a shipping paper signed at the commencement of a fishing voyage cannot be varied by a parol agreement or 668 understanding which is in violation of an act of congress Where the contract was fully explained to the seamen before they signed it, they cannot vary the 144 voyage by parol evidence Seamen can avoid a clause in the articles which was not clearly explained to them, and which undertakes to forfeit all their wages and property 144 for an absence of 48 hours from the vessel without the express permission of the master Shipping articles for a voyage from Liverpool to ports in the Indian, Pacific, and Atlantic Oceans and back to a final port of discharge in the 624 United Kingdom, where the vessel has sailed from St. Helena to New York, are violated by accepting a cargo there for Valparaiso The transfer of a crew of a foreign vessel dismantled here to another vessel, under the 958 authority of the consul, held to give no right to the seamen to libel the vessel for wages The wages of seamen shipped at Valparaiso, on board a Chilian vessel, for a voyage to Boston 144 and return, should be reckoned in money of the United States, where the contract was for so many dollars, payable here In the case of wages payable in dollars and cents, 1064 held that the seamen were entitled to a sum

Page in United States currency that would make the payment equal to specie Seamen on a vessel lying at anchor off shore, in a place of danger, in case of a change of weather, 689 may be required to help unload on Sunday. Seamen who refuse to work on Sunday because not allowed double pay, under a custom of the 689 port near which they were at anchor, may be discharged A seaman dismissed by the master before the termination of the voyage, without just cause, 1272 is entitled to damages, which are recoverable in admiralty, in a suit for wages Full wages, in such case, are usually, though not 1272 invariably, given to the termination of the voyage The voyage will be *held* to be broken up by the confiscation of the vessel, though she is 217 afterwards restored on condition of making a special voyage A mate who had supplies on board, which were used for the necessary support of himself and crew, was allowed to recover the amount used by 1090 himself as enhanced wages, and the balance out of the surplus in court A seaman is entitled to be cured, at the expense of the ship, of sickness, hurts, wounds, etc., 813 incurred in the service of the ship. The phrase, "service of the ship," is not confined to acts done for the benefit of the ship, or in the 813 actual performance of the seaman's duty Seamen on a whaling voyage, who are to be paid by a share of the proceeds, are not deemed 427 partners, and the expense of the cure of a sick seaman is not to be deducted from the proceeds A seaman whose feet are frozen while in the ship's boat, in the service of the ship, before he is 426 discharged therefrom on the return voyage, at the

Page home port, is entitled to be cured at the ship's expense A seaman who disregards the advice of his physician, and uses a wounded foot, cannot recover of the shin for its subsequent care and 716 cure, and damages for loss of time and general debility caused there by A cabin boy injured in the service of the vessel, so that amputation of both legs was necessary, 1010 was allowed \$3 a week until the healing of his wounds, with costs and counsel fees The seaman is entitled to be cured, at the expense of the ship, of any injury received by him in executing an improper order, or inflicted upon 813 him by the wrongful violence of an officer in the exercise of his authority, as officer, to punish him Conduct of master or mate in respect to seamen. The master may inflict moderate chastisement on 666 seamen Where, after the voyage is ended, the master again takes an offending seaman on board, he 880 cannot justify an assault and imprisonment without any new offense. The master may use a deadly weapon, when 889 necessary in order to suppress a mutiny The vessel owner is not liable where the seaman is wrongfully arrested and imprisoned on a 725 charge of crime in a foreign port, where the master was not a party thereto In the absence of negligence, the vessel owner is not liable for the loss of the clothing and effects of a seaman, left aboard, where he is arrested 725 and imprisoned in a foreign port without the instigation of the master Wages Right to. The son of a partner in an adventure of 876 discovery, who went out on the voyage as a

Page passenger, but did full duty as a seaman on the return voyage, *held* not entitled to wages, though his name appeared on the shipping articles Where compensation for a fishing voyage is made by a share of the proceeds, the seamen are 440 entitled to shares only on so much cargo as is brought safely to home port. The seamen are not entitled to recover wages, as such, on the cargo brought to the port of 440 destination by salvors But the seaman's interest in such cargo, as quasi owner, may be equitably secured to him, subject 440 charges for salvage to the proper and transportation Seamen are entitled to wages, in the case of shipwreck, where the cargo is saved and freight 522 is earned. Freight will be considered to have been earned on a portion of a cargo belonging to the owner of the vessel, landed without interference, and its 217 subsequent confiscation will not affect the right to wages The fact that the cargo belongs to the owner of the vessel does not destroy the connection 217 between freight and wages. Seamen discharged for slight misconduct, and a declaration that they would not continue the 1309 voyage, can recover no damages beyond their wages for the time of their actual service Wages are recoverable where seamen are compelled to leave the ship by cruelty and 666 oppression 522, Foreign seamen, who abandon their vessel in a United States port upon a strict construction of their contract, can recover only the value of their 624 demands in the currency of the United States, without regard to its depreciation

Seamen are not entitled to the two-months extra wages as having been discharged abroad, where they are actually returned to the port of shipment, 1116 and their wages and expenses paid in full to the date of their return.

—Remedies for recovery.

A complaint by a seaman under Rev. St. §§ 4546, 4547, must show that 10 days have elapsed after the wages were payable, or that a dispute has 1076 arisen between the master arid seamen touching the same

The vessel against which process is sought on such complaint must be within the district at the 1076 time of hearing

The master, in such case, has a right to appear by attorney before the magistrate in defense of the 1056 claim

Receipts or releases given by seamen, even with all the solemnity of sealeu instruments, will have no effect, beyond the actual consideration fairly paid

Releases in full, given on the acceptance of reduced pay, where the seamen claimed that they were ignorant of the clause inserted in the contract reducing their wages, *held* not binding.

---Deductions: Extinguishment, etc.

Seamen must not interfere when the officers attempt to confine or punish one of the crew for 522 disorderly conduct

Mutinous and rebellious conduct, if persisted in, forfeits all right to wages. 522

A desertion during the voyage, by the general maritime law, works a forfeiture of all wages 1272 antecedently earned

But, to constitute such desertion, there must be 1272 an intention to abandon the vessel and not return. 1392 A mere leaving of the vessel without permission is not a desertion

Absence from the ship without leave, for two hours, is not desertion or misconduct meriting a 1309 forfeiting of wages.

Under the acts of congress, an absence of 48 hours is made conclusive evidence of desertion; but, to prove such absence, a proper entry in the 1272 log book is indispensable, though not conclusive evidence.

Such entry in the log book must be made on the day the absence takes place, and must state the name of the seaman, and that he was absent ¹²⁷² without leave

A general entry that the crew, or all the crew, 1272 were absent, is not sufficient

Seamen guilty of misconduct, who subsequently repent and tender amends, will save a forfeiture 522 of wages, in whole or in part

SET-OFF AND COUNTER-CLAIM.

There can be no set-off against avowry for rent 849 SHIPPINGS

See, also, "Admiralty"; "Affreightment"; "Average"; "Bills of Lading"; "Bottomry and Bespondentia"; "Carriers"; "Charter Parties, "Collision"; "Demurrage"; "Maritime Liens"; "Pilots"; "Salvage"; "Seamen"; "Towage"; "Wharves."

Public regulation.

A vessel licensed for the coasting trade, engaged in smuggling foreign goods, is forfeited under Act 554 Feb. 18, 1793, c. 8, § 32.

The United States has no lien upon or interest in a vessel for violation of Act 1838, § 2, and Act 1852, § 1, until a seizure, and proceedings to recover the penalty Title to vessel.

Under a contract to build and deliver a vessel after a successful trial trip at sea, though the work is approved, and payments made as it progresses, 568 the title does not pass until the final completion and delivery

A vessel, building under a contract with the United States to build and deliver her after a successful trial trip at sea, is subject to process to enforce a lien for materials furnished while in the hands of the contractor, though the United States kept a superintendent at the vessel, with power to reject or approve materials used in her construction

Under the condition that the United States might complete the work, at the expense of the contractor, upon his failure to perform, *held*, that the government would take possession merely as the agent of the contractor, to finish the vessel for and on his account.

The assignment by the builders of a vessel of the moneys to become due on the building contract invests the assignee with no such proprietary 560 interest as will enable him to appear as claimant and defend

The purchase by the government of a vessel for the revenue service does not divest the same of valid liens existing at the time the title was 560 acquired, and they may be enforced by the ordinary methods

A sale under the authority of the consul is conclusively presumed fraudulent, where the purchase money was secured by his note, and the 804 title transferred to trustees for the benefit of his wife

An arrangement between the mortgagor and mortgagee that the former is to remain in 1144 possession of the vessel until the latter has a

reasonable opportunity to enforce the mortgage will net affect the rights of bona fide purchasers for valuable consideration The mortgagee will not be allowed to set up any priority over a purchaser without notice at a sale of the vessel at public auction for a valuable 1144 consideration, who bought after inspecting her papers The owners of a vessel are tenants in common, each having a distinct, though an undivided, 557 interest. The majority owners have a right to govern and control the employment of the vessel, and give 557 directions as to her repairs and supplies The implied authority of a part owner, acting as master, to do everything necessary for the employment of the vessel and her equipment, 557 ceases when it is revoked, or anything is done to rebut the presumption. A part owner, acting as master, has no right, as between the other part owners and himself, 557 to subject their interests to expense, when forbidden to do so. The master. By the civil law, and by the common law, the owners are responsible for all the obligations of the master, to their full amount, whether arising ex contractu or ex delicto. But by the 373 general maritime law of Europe the owners are not responsible for his obligations ex delicto, beyond the value of the vessel and freight, and by abandoning them they are discharged The master may bind the vessel owner for moneys borrowed for necessary purposes in a 1231 foreign port, or, where the credit of the owner is not available, he may hypothecate the vessel.

Page Where necessary funds cannot be obtained in any 1231 other way, the master may sell a part of the cargo. The right of the master to sell the vessel, in cases of necessity, is determined by considering whether, under like circumstances, a sale would 1002 have been made by a considerate owner for his own interest and that of all concerned Owners are liable for the willful and malicious acts of a master, done in the course and scope of 201 his employment Otherwise of crimes committed by a master, not 201 within the course and scope of his employment The master will not be held responsible for a deviation, under a charter party requiring it, made 1013 by the correspondent of the shipowner Query whether procuring insurance on unauthorized voyages, and the receiving and 1013 selling the cargo, is a ratification of the master's act, waiving his liability for damages A master who changes the voyage contrary to 1013 instructions forfeits all wages The master must render a full and satisfactory account of receipts and disbursements during the 1013 voyage, before being entitled to the payment of his wages The wages of the master are not a lien on the 557 vessel, and he cannot sue in rem to recover them. A master who, with knowledge of a sale to an innocent purchaser, fails to make his claim 731 known, cannot recover for wages theretofore accrued On a *** by the master for wages after a sale of the vessel, *held*, that it would be presumed 731 that the wages had been paid out of the freight moneys Liabilities of vessels or owners.

The shipper has a lien on the vessel for loss or damage to his goods, due to the fault or neglect 373 of the master, or the insufficiency of the vessel, 1393 which he may enforce by libel in rem in admiralty The master, who has stowed goods on deck without the consent of the owner, cannot protect himself for liability for their loss within the exceptions of dangers of the sea Limiting liability.

On a petition by vessel owners for the benefit of the limitation of liability, the admiralty court has power to enjoin the further prosecution of suits by shippers against owners, pending in state courts, for their losses by the burning of the vessel at her dock.

On petition by owners to limit their liability, a paper called "Exceptions and Answer," seeking to contest the right to exemption, filed by a party who had not presented claims to the 20 commissioner, *held*, should be allowed to stand as an exception to the jurisdiction of the court to enjoin his suit in the state court

SLAVERY.

A contract between a master and his slave cannot	682
be enforced, either at law or in equity.	002
A bona fide possession of a slave, under an	
absolute bill of sale, without notice of a prior	369
sale to another, <i>held</i> to give a good title after five	907
years	
Construction of will on the question of	105
emancipation of slaves.	
Proof of the taking of the oath by the owner on importing a slave into Virginia.	1188
After the lapse of 24 years, it will not be	
presumed that the oath was taken by the person	455
who brought the petitioner into the state when	
six years old	

An injunction will be granted, without security, against a removal pending a petition for freedom The removal of a slave out of the jurisdiction of the court after knowledge of the pendency of his 682 petition for freedom is a contempt Sufficiency of warrant of commitment of a person as a runaway slave The liability to an action for harboring or secreting fugitive slaves, and the admissibility and 325

sufficiency of evidence, and damages recoverable

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

The court may decree specific execution of a 985 contract to give collateral security Specific performance will not be decreed of an

agreement of a debtor to procure the obligation of a third person and assign it to the creditor in consideration of forbearance

Specific performance will not be decreed where the contract is uncertain, unfair, or unreasonable, or where adequate compensation can be had at law

Bonds of the United States are public stocks, and a covenant for their delivery will not be specifically enforced. The same rule is applicable ¹²⁴⁵ in respect of railway shares

An executory contract will not be specifically enforced unless the remedy is mutual 1245

A contract to build a railroad will not be 1245 enforced in equity

The cases in which specific performance of building contracts have been decreed stated by 1245 Miller, J

Unless the court can decree specific performance of the whole of a contract, it will not interfere to 1245 enforce any part of it

The performance of a comparatively inconsiderable part of a contract (e. g. the 1245

expenditure of \$50.000 in building a railroad which will cost \$12,000,000) does not take it out of the class of executory contracts A decree will not be refused for an incorrect opinion by plaintiff upon a subject respecting which defendant is as competent a judge as the plaintiff, if honestly made

STATUTES.

See, also, "Constitutional Law."

It cannot be set up against the validity of an act of congress that it conflicts with an existing treaty 1171 with a foreign nation

The repealing act will be construed as totally abrogating the law repealed, except as to such 24 rights as became perfect under it.

A public law takes effect under the constitution from the very time of its approval, and operates 699 prospectively and not retrospectively

A printed statute may be corrected by the enrolled bill filed in the department of state. 433 Common or unwritten laws of a foreign country may be proved by parol, but written statutes and 1001 edicts must be produced

TAXATION.

Construction of Act Miss. Nov. 29, 1865, for the 1265 assessment and enforcement of levee taxes The personal estate of testator is not liable for taxes accruing upon his real estate in 1239 Georgetown, D. C, after his death. Nature of the remedy by distress for taxes in the 1239 District of Columbia Validity of sales for taxes in the city of 1083 Washington The making of lists of lands forfeited for the nonpayment of taxes, and the sale thereof in 335

Ohio, considered

A collector's deed for lands sold for taxes in Arkansas is prima facie evidence of the regularity and legality of the sale, where not contradicted by something on its face.

To support a title under a tax sale a strict compliance with the statute is requisite, and where the reputed owner is proceeded against as though he were occupier, the sale is illegal.

TENANCY IN COMMON.

Where there are several grantees in a conveyance who take in trust for certain purposes, they are, under Act Mass. 1785, c. 62, to be deemed tenants in common, and not joint tenants

TIME.

The doctrine that in law there is no fraction of a day is a mere legal fiction, and is true only sub modo, and in a limited sense, where it will promote the right and justice of the case On the question of priority between a petition in bankruptcy and an execution, both marked as filed at the same hour, *held* that the actual time of filing might be shown by parol

Torts.

See "Admiralty." 1394

TOWAGE.

See, also, "Collision."

A person who hires a steamboat to tow another vessel is not liable for an injury thereto sustained in the course of the navigation and not caused by the negligence of those in charge.

The owner of a canal boat cannot recover for damages caused by the negligence of a tug in the performance of a contract of towage which 627 the former knew that the master of the tug made against the positive instructions of the owner

TOWNS.

See, also, "Railroad Companies."

A charter requiring a certified copy of a summons to be served on the recorder in all suits brought against the town, *held* inapplicable to an action of ejectment

TRADE-MARKS AND TRADENAMES.

A trade-mark for soap, "Mottled German Soap," with a circle and moon and stars in the middle, *held* infringed by "S. W. McBride's German Mottled Soap." with a crescent and single star, though "Mottled German Soap" or "Mottled Soap" had been in common use for years. The word "Parabola" used as the name of

needles, not being descriptive of any particular 930 quality, *held* a valid trade-mark

"William Clark & Sons' Parabola Needles" is an infringement of "Roberts' Parabola Needles." 930

TREATIES.

Mode specified in which congress may destroy 1171 the operative effect of a treaty.

TRESPASS.

Where plaintiff, in trespass to land, relies upon possession without title, defendant, under the general issue, may show title in another under whose authority he-claimed to enter

TRIAL.

See, also, "Appeal"; "Continuance"; "Evidence"; "Judgment"; "Jury"; "New Trial"; "Practice"; "Reference"; "Witness."

Where the judges of the circuit court are incompetent from interest or having been of counsel to sit in a cause, it is to be certified to 705 the nearest circuit court in the circuit competent in point of law to try it

Plaintiff is not bound to give over of an instrument not in his possession and equally 1073 accessible to defendant

A paper produced on notice by the adverse party who is not a party thereto and does not claim a beneficial interest under it must be proved by 631 him who offers it in like manner as if he had himself produced it Objections to a deed on the ground that there was no proof of execution by one of the parties 631 held to apply to its effect and not to its admissibility The fact that improper evidence was received at the first trial is no ground of admitting it at the 793 second trial After the jury has retired, and returned into court to give their verdict, a witness who has come into 803 court since the jury retired cannot be examined TRUSTS. See, also, "Executors and Administrators"; "Guardian and Ward"; "Wills." An administrator who purchases in his own name on a sale under foreclosure of a mortgage belonging to his intestate holds the property for 166 the benefit of the heirs, and cannot sell it without authority of the court,

UNITED STATES.

A suit in admiralty to enforce a lien given by the state law is not a judicial proceeding under such law, and the United States is not entitled in such 559 suit to have the res discharged from arrest under Rev. St § 3753.

USURY.

A sale of an indorsed negotiable note for merchandise which is disposed of for a sum less 756 than the value of the note is not usurious.

VENDOR AND PURCHASER.

See, also,"Bankruptcy"; "Boundaries"; "Deed"; "Frauds, Statute of"; "Fraudulent Conveyances": "Grant"; "Sale"; "Specific Performance." A bond for title given on an executory contract for the purchase of land conveys an equitable 615 estate to the vendee which is assignable lands An interest in acquired at an administrator's sale before the title is passed is assignable, and such assignment need not be 615 registered under the laws of North Carolina to be valid against creditors The neglect of the vendee to pay the purchase money and demand a conveyance from the

vendor in his lifetime will prevent an injunction to restrain the collection of a judgment at law for the purchase money, on the ground of the difficulty of obtaining a title from the infant heirs. Construction of the statute of 27 Eliz. as to fraudulent conveyances in respect to prior and 760 subsequent creditors and subsequent purchasers. A purchaser for a valuable consideration, though with notice of a prior voluntary conveyance by his grantor, is protected against it by the statute of 27 Eliz

A purchaser under a judgment and execution against such grantor is not protected as a purchaser under such statute, but is considered 760 a creditor standing in the place of the judgment creditor

A voluntary conveyance is void as to subsequent purchasers for valuable consideration, even with 996 notice 985,

A conveyance to the grantor's wife or children, resting merely on the moral duty to provide for 985 them, is voluntary, and void against purchasers Where the deed is actually left with the recorder for record, the grantee's rights are protected, though the recorder actually records only a portion of it

The assumption of a mortgage in a deed estops the grantee to claim as an innocent purchaser, where the mortgage contained a fatally defective description

A purchaser is bound to take notice of the 474 recitals in deeds in his chain of title 1395 Where a deed in a chain of title made by an administrator recites that he conveyed the land in that capacity, the person takes the title with full knowledge of the trust

WAR.

See, also, "Prize."

As against the states in rebellion, the United States had both sovereign and belligerent rights, and might both establish a blockade and interdict 574 all commerce with their ports.

As between citizens of different states in rebellion, a debtor is not entitled to an abatement of interest during the war on a debt due before the war

WAREHOUSEMEN.

Where grain is stored in an elevator warehouse under whose invariable course of business the highest market price or the same amount of grain of like quality is given on surrender of the 179 receipt, but not the identical grain deposited, nor grain from any specific mass, the transaction is a sale and not a bailment

The owner of a warehouse receipt is not entitled to the specific grain deposited, but to the quantity specified in the receipt and contained in the warehouse

The indorsement and delivery of a warehouse receipt will transfer the title to the property 176 covered thereby

In delivering wheat from a warehouse through a pipe into a vessel, the liability of the 628

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warehouseman ceases with the discharge of the wheat into the pipe, and he is not responsible for negligence in its loading, causing the breaking of the pipe and the loss of grain.

WILLS.

See, also, "Conversion, Equitable": "Executors and Administrators"; "Trusts."

Under an agreement in writing to make mutual wills, neither party can make a will without notice 1027 to the other

Under a law giving all the annual income of testator's estate to his wife during her widowhood, to be equally divided between her 29 and his son, *held*, that the fee did not pass, and the title went to his heirs at law

The residuary estate was directed to be divided between certain persons according to their several specific legacies. *Held*, that the residuary legacies vested on the death of testator

Under a direction to executors, in case the rents are not sufficient to pay the allowance to minor children to adopt some mode of raising the deficiency out of the other parts of the estate, not devised to the widow, *held*, that the executors had power to sell the reversion of the lands

WITNESS.

See, also, "Bankruptcy"; "Costs"; "Deposition"; "Trial." The court will not compel the attendance of an interpreter or expert who has neglected to obey a 1092 subpoena, unless in case of necessity

A woman offered as a witness, and objected to on the ground that she is the wife of the party calling her, cannot be examined to disprove the marriage, when there is sufficient evidence ¹¹⁸⁸ aliunde before the court to raise a presumption of marriage

Page A witness who has a direct and positive interest 403 in the event of the suit is incompetent A freeborn negro is a competent witness in a case 130 of freedom A proctor in the admiralty court in New York is a competent witness, though he is interested in the 708 recovery; but where the claim is sustained upon his testimony alone, he cannot recover costs Brokers who negotiate contract of а affreightment, their commissions not being 146 dependent on its performance, are competent witnesses in a suit for breach The heirs of a deceased mortgagor are not competent witnesses, in a suit in equity by an 235 assignee to redeem, to prove the assignment fraudulent Massachusetts. where In an executor or administrator is a party the other party cannot testify in his own favor, unless the contract was 1027 originally made with a party who was living and competent to testify Creditors of plaintiff's intestate are competent witnesses to support a claim by plaintiff as 954 administrator against the defendant The phrase "civil action," as used in Act July 2, 1864, making a party or interested persons 833 competent, includes suits in equity as well as actions at law The extent of the privilege of the client to exclude the examination of his attorney as witness, and what papers of his client the 631 attorney may be compelled to produce on notice, considered The general good character of a witness cannot be proved, where his general character has not 325 been impeached, though he has been contradicted by other witnesses.

The full cost of travel and attendance of witnesses living more than 100 miles from the place of trial, where they attended and gave their testimony, should be allowed in the costs

WRITS AND NOTICE OP SUITS.

Where husband and wife are codefendants, service upon the husband alone is sufficient. 985 In the case of a bill for an injunction to stay proceedings in a suit at law, brought by defendant, a resident of China, subpoena was 350 ordered to be served upon his attorney in the action at law

A court has discretion to permit an officer to amend a return with or without notice, and at any time after the date thereof, so as to bind the parties to the action or those claiming under them as privies, but not third persons who acquire rights in good faith prior to such amendment. An amended return, as between the parties to the action or their privies, whether made with or without notice, cannot be questioned by them collaterally

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